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#### REVIEWS

Lectures on History—[Cours d'Etudes Historiques.] By M. Daunou. Paris and Lon-

We have here an elaborate and important work, by a man of eminent ability, ten years a lecturer at the Royal College of France, on the science and study of history. M. Daunou lived to see his first volume printed; the second, now also before us, has been given to the world under the auspices of his friend and literary executor, M. Taillandier; and other volumes are yet to appear. A fragment of a preface, by the author, presents a general view of the design and chapresents a general view of the design and character of his labours.—"Having undertaken (he says), in 1819, the Professorship of History in the Royal College of France, I felt it my duty to inquire what method of instruction it became me to pursue in a seminary of such high rank. It occurred to me, that mere narratives, such as those that fill the pages of historians of all nations, would ill accord with the chair which I was called to occupy; and that, to render such matters profitable, I ought to connect with it much more critical discussion and moral observation than books called histories in general contain. I had already essayed to carry out this idea with respect to the annals of the world antecedent to the Christian era. But before I could enter into an examination of ancient history, it became necessary to trace the plan of my inquiry, by a general investigation of the sources, the uses, and the methods of prosecuting sources, the trees, and the methods of prosecuting historical science. These preliminaries, which drew me into a wide field, embrace the matters which I now propose to discuss."

The method observed by M. Daunou is simple and perspicuous. He begins by developing the

sources of history, examining by what variety of ways memorials of events are handed down, how the knowledge of the past originates and perpetuates itself, and how the different species of traditions, monuments, and original narratives have contributed to constitute the mass of historical information .- " It is by the enumeration (he well observes) and study of all these sources,—it is by the analysis of the collections or depositaries where the results of these various originals are found combined, that the means are to be obtained of estimating evidence, verifying facts, discerning in any record what is true, what is only probable, what wants verisimili-tude, what is to be rejected as fabulous, chime-rical, or even impossible. Thus may we establish rules of criticism sufficiently certain and rigorous to give history the character of a true science, composed of positive facts, of which we have either determined the perfect certainty, or

appreciated the probability."

We are disposed, however, to object to the application of the name of Science to history. The science of history is a very distinct thing from history itself, which is the result of a scientific investigation into its proper sources. History is not a science, but a collection of conclu-sions arrived at in the course of researches conducted upon scientific principles-being, in fact, the principles of the general science of human evidence. The distinction will appear obvious in other cases. Thus the history of chemistry is palpably different from the science of chemistry, and Montucla's 'History of Ma-thematics,' from the works of Archimedes, thematics,' from the works of Archimedes, Newton, or Lagrange. In the same manner, the history of England, or of France, is no science; although every proposition of the genuine historian is the result of the balancing

other branches of learning as well as history,— for example, the study of the law. We do not, however, mean to charge M. Daunou with confounding things so essentially distinct: the very work in our hands shows that he has only fallen into a verbal inaccuracy in the passage we have quoted. As a professor and lecturer, he pro-perly concluded that his business was to unfold the principles of investigation, and the grounds, laws, and measures of historical evidence; not himself to engage in any particular historical inquiry, much less to confine himself to a reproduction, comparison, or criticism of the historical works of others. History is not properly a sub-ject of teaching, but the science of it eminently requires the teacher's aid; and that it has not yet been cordially received into the circle of academic studies in this country, is a scandal to our universities and schools. A better manual than the work before us, as far as it has been carried, has not been offered to our notice, and we should consider a translation a valuable service to the interests of liberal education.

The author alludes to one circumstance, which clearly indicates the importance of searching into the foundations of history, namely, the pyrrhonism, so prevalent in the eighteenth century, which went the length of denying the value of this branch of learning altogether, and which was provoked, and almost warranted, by the blind credulity which the majority of socalled historians professed and exacted. To secure history its place amongst rational studies, it is essential to defend it upon the one hand against the sceptics who pronounce all a fable, and on the other hand against the compilers who crowd its pages with absurdities and toys. The credit of history is restored by a sound criticism, that separates the province of truth from the dominion of fiction.

Amongst the pyrrhonists of the eightcenth century, Rousseau was the most ardent and in-trepid. The coldness commonly ascribed to scepticism cannot be predicated of his works; Rousseau doubted as enthusiastically as ever dogmatist dogmatized. Historical criticism was by him defined (in Emile) to be "the art of choosing amongst a variety of lies that which most resembles the truth." And again-"Have you never read Cleopatra or Cassandra, or other works of the same class? The author selects a known event, then accommodating it to his views, adorning it with details of his own invention, personages that never existed, and pictures of pure imagination, piles fiction upon fiction, to please and captivate his readers. I see little difference between these romances and our histories, except that the novelist depends more upon his own invention, and the historian is the slave of the invention of others; to which let me add, that the first proposes a moral object, be it good or evil; the other has no such care upon his mind."

M. Daunou devotes some pages to the ex-posure of the mischievous fallacy thus put forward by the most daring of moral revolutionists. Nor can we say that the state of public opinion on the authority and value of history is even at the present day so healthy as to render an antidote to such poison needless. M. Daunou observes

To liken history to romance-to see nothing in it but a vast collection of moral tales and apologues... is to affirm, expressly enough, that it can never become a science, and that the world has been much abused by those who have represented it as the testis temporum, vita memoriæ, nuncia vetustatis. But I think that to strip it of those titles is to divest it also of its claims to be acknowledged as the magistra vitæ, of testimonies and proofs, a process essentially for there is at least some exaggeration in pretending eigntific, and capable of abstract discussion and that historical narratives tend as palpably as pure which in general the best that can be said is

reduction to general principles, applicable to distribution other branches of learning as well as history,—merous details and facts from which there is no imfor example, the study of the law. We do not. mediate conclusion to be deduced; and when it does perform the functions of a political instructor, or moral teacher, the authority of its lessons has, in my opinion, no other foundation than the irrefra-gable truth of the facts which it recounts. Fables are invented expressly to obtain foregone conclusions, to establish wise maxims, sometimes to fortify pernicious prejudices. In no case have works of fiction any value save as they reflect some real aspect of human affairs, and borrow from experience-from history herself—the tints with which they invest supposed events and fictitious persons. Far from themselves proving any position whatever, their poetical truth is to be judged by the natural character of the story, its incidents and developement. The only service which they render, their sole merit, is to shed a lustre upon the notions previously acquired by the study of nature and of man. *History is that* study itself; at least a considerable part of it. She has no other object in her impartial and scrupulous researches, but to collect experiences and demonstrate their reality, let the deductions from them be what they may. Of herself she tends to no system of philosophy; to no preconcerted theory; and if, nevertheless, she enlightens and enriches the moral sciences, it is precisely because she is not the coiner of the facts and phenomena she contributes, but takes them as they come to her hand, and simply decides the question of their truth or falsehood. know that Machiavel and other writers, in their historical reflections on private and public morals, on the duties of citizens and the interests of states, have employed fact and fiction almost indiscriminately; but I think they would have done well to follow a more severe method; facts whose truth is established are alone worthy to serve for examples; such, and such only, furnish the matter, the data, the elements, and not merely opportunity and pretext for moral and political discussions.

But to return to the method of M. Daunou's treatise, the first part consists of the "Examination and choice of facts,"—their examination, to fix their truth or probability, their selection, to distinguish amidst verified facts those whose knowledge is material to society, or useful in the sciences of politics and morals. The examina-tion of facts constitutes what is called "historical criticism," the subject of the first book; the choice of facts is the subject of the second book, which is therefore entitled the "uses of history."
The next branch of the work has for its subject
the "classification of facts," which embraces the
studies of geography and chronology. The third and last division treats of the "exposition of facts," which would seem at first sight to include their classification, and therefore sin against the rules of logic; but under the head of the "exposition of facts," M. Daunou purposes to examine the general theory of the art of writing, and in particular the art of writing history, which naturally leads to an analysis of the principal historians of antiquity,—subjects totally distinct from the matter of the second part of the work. The volumes before us carry out this large plan of inquiry and instruction no further than the opening of the second division, treating of the connexion of geography with history. We have, however, thought it right to point out the whole range of the author's course, as our desire is to promote the cultivation of a much neglected and most valuable science by introducing our readers to this admirable text-book of its principles. It is the more necessary to sketch the plan of a work like this, because the nature of it precludes the possibility of giving unidea of its maketeness. an idea of its substance or execution by quotation. Quotation will only serve to exemplify the style of the composition, and the spirit of the writer. For this purpose we shall make one or two short extracts.

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that they are necessary evils,) we find the following critique on the celebrated 'Discours de

At length, in 1681, appeared the masterly discourse of Bossuet on Universal History, the first part of which is a picture of the memorable events from the Creation to Charlemagne. I know no narrative so swift, no abridgment so animated. The connexion between historical ideas was never established by so natural and close a chain. All the facts are present at once to the memory of Bossuct. He possesses all the details of his work before he sits down to write. So closely are his ideas related, that one always awakens the other, and that multitude of origins, catastrophes, and illustrious names falls into the only order of which it seems susceptible. The first part has not perhaps been enough admired: it is not inferior to the other two. The second is, however, the most eloquent defence of the Christian religion that has ever been composed; and the third, where the author considers the revolutions of empires, although the most succinct, is rich in profound thoughts, pow-erful expression, and sublime points. It has been lamented that throughout the work the little nation of the Jews is treated as the common centre of all the kingdoms of antiquity, to the greater part of which it was scarcely known; but it is to this very feature of his plan that the writer owes the unity, the colouring, the magnificence of his immortal work, which has never been surpassed or equalled. Nowhere is history to be seen in closer union with eloquence, nowhere are both allied so nearly to poetry, as in the master-pieces of Bossuet. When he composes a funeral oration, the idea of death unceasingly pursues him; that grim conception enters into all his portraitures, and seems to efface the work when it is just complete. We may say that he exalts his idols only to cast them down, and arrays them gorgeously only to consign them to the dust. It is thus also that he treats empires in his Universal History. He paints them powerful and fragile, already engaged to death and plighted to destruction, when they are risen to their meridian glory. D'Alembert admired in this production a genius as vast as profound, which, scorning to grovel in the frivolous details so dear to the rabble of historians, reviews and judges with a glance lawgivers and conquerors, princes and nations, the crimes and the virtues of mankind, and traces with vigorous and rapid pencil the consuming course of time, the finger of heaven in the affairs of earth, and the fates of kingdoms perishing like kings. In paying homage, however, to this brilliant work, we must take care not to exaggerate the services it has rendered the study of history. It is not complete for the time that it embraces, and is far from having the exactness which modern criticism requires.

The reader will probably recal to memory Bayle's incomparable illustration of the perfection of an historical abridgment. It occurs in the notes on the article Arsinoë.

Neither Justin, nor divers other abbreviators ever consider that an abridgment ought to resemble the pigmies, who have all the parts of a perfect human body, though each proportionally lesser than those of a man of full stature. Lessen the parts of a narrative in an abridgment as much as you please, but eut off none.

This mention of Bayle leads us to give M. Daunou's opinion of the Historical and Critical Dictionary. He justly considers Bayle the father of the science of historical criticism:—

The happiest effect of the attempt of Moreri was to inspire Bayle with the idea of his dictionary, the publication of which is one of the great events of literary history during the closing years of the seventeenth century. In this work a rigorous method was applied for the first time to the verification of historical details. The greatest intellects, Boileau for example, have admired in this memorable production an erudition affluent and deep, a criticism ingenious and enlightened. If the style is a little prolix, it is always clear and easy, often graceful and original. Bayle, however, has had his share of censure. Renaudot, Jurieu, Reimann, Josse Leclerc, Crouza, and Philippe-Louis Joly, have made observations upon his labours, several of which deserve attention, But, translated into English and German, the Critical Dictionary has been read by all Europe. Chauffet

pic and Prosper Marchand have attempted imitations; others have ventured on abridgments; far from being overwhelmed by so great a multitude of assailants, copyists, and commentators, the reputation of this remarkable work remains as fresh and vigorous as ever. There has lately appeared, thanks to the pains of M. Beuchot, a highly improved edition.

Narrative of the Expedition to China, from the Commencement of the War to the Present Period; with Sketches of the Manners and Customs of that singular and hitherto almost unknown Country. By Commander J. Elliot Bingham, R.N. 2 vols. Colburn.

"CHINA," says a Prophecy of the Nation, "is to be conquered by a woman !"-and our author, like a loyal and valiant servant militant of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, by an auxiliary prophecy of his own, anticipates this conquest for his Royal Mistress. In that event, our trium-phant relation to the representative of the dynasty will, not improbably, give us some influence with his illustrious connexions, the Sun and Moon, -and by this means we may chance to recover from the latter, as spoil supplementary, some other of those many visionary projects which, since their disappearance from the earth, the eye of Poetry has discovered in that distant planet. The probabilities of such a result to the arms of our gracious Queen, and such an introduction to the Celestials, we are not called on to discuss. We offer the hint, but for the sake of the hope which we feel it will bring to many pining hearts; for we have, ourselves, a stray or two in that quarter, that we will freely travel all the distance to get back, when Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, shall be proclaimed at Pekin.

Enforced idleness, following in the train of promotion, and a sojourn in England, for the cure of a wound received at the storming of the Bogue Forts, in January 1841, drove Commander Bingham upon authorship, and induced him to continue his connexion with the service from which he was separated, by preparing this sketch of the various events connected with the present war in China. Such a publication seems, at first view, more seasonable than, in truth it is. For history, properly so called-a clear and summary review of the events in question, in their general bearings and relations-it is too early, while the series of them is, yet, in action; and, at any rate, nothing of the kind has been attempted by Commander Bingham. As materials for history, this collection was scarcely wanted. The earliest of its dates is so recent, and its details have been so fully communicated to the public by the various journals, - from which Commander Bingham seems to have compiled this loose chronicle-that the information which it offers must be expressed by a very low figure indeed. Even for such interest as the subject could be made to yield, the author has been anticipated by the narratives of Mr. Slade and Lord Jocelyn. We could scarcely hope, therefore, to attract our readers, by any notice of the general narrative, or discussion of the various topics which it incidentally raises :- and shall confine ourselves, therefore, to such extracts from Commander Bingham's pages as may illustrate the manners of the remarkable people with whom we have only now begun to make a real acquaintance, or throw light on the institutions which have, for so many centuries, sealed from our observation nearly a third portion of the globe.

The evidences are many, in all the channels through which we hear of this strange people, that the lengthened intercourse to which their commerce has introduced them with the "Barbarians," has given them more shrewd measures of the proportions of the latter than popular prejudice or courtly deference will permit them to

avow. With a nation so acute—so capable of making estimates, had it not so long wanted standards,—this could not well be otherwise; and, therefore, we do not, at all times, give its more enlightened Mandarins credit for all the stupidity they profess. Our author, however, furnishes some curious examples of that profound ignorance, positive and relative, which scarcely becomes a nation so transcendently connected, and, in the individual instances, taken in connexion with other proceedings of the particular parties furnishing them, is open, as we have hinted, to the suspicion of being more politic than real:—

"About this time there appeared a memorial to the emperor on the opium and sycee question from Keshen, viceroy of Petche-li, by whom we were, about a year and a half afterwards, so completely bamboozled. That he is one of the most acute and wily of Chinese statesmen is, I believe, generally acknowledged; and that he was fully aware how utterly incapable China was of contending against the British power, his subsequent memorials to the Emperor have proved. This memorial affords but a very poor idea of Chinese literature, when we find the most talented of her children writing such absurd nonsense. He falls into the most gross mistakes in his calculations, asserting that in thirty or forty year the use of onium has been the means of 's thousand myriads' of taels leaking out to the distant foreigners. Now this is a prodigious error: for at ten millions per year, it would only amount to four hundred millions in forty years. It would appear inconceivable that such a miscalculation could be any other than wilfully made to mislead his celestial master, did we not find this same learned and talented mandarin pencilling in continuation the following most extraordinary nonsense :- 'Again, in reference to the foreign money which these said foreigners bring, it is all boiled with, and reduced by quicksilver. If you wrap it up, and put it past for several years without touching it, it will become moths and corroding insects, and their silver cups will change into feathers or wings. Their money is all of this species: and if we leave it for four or five hundred years, I'm sure I don't know what it will change into at last!' Again, he says, alluding to our demand for tea and rhubarb: - The reason of this is that their climate is rough and rigorous, the sun and wind both ficrce and strong; day by day they subsist on beef and mutton; the digestion of this food is not easy; their bowels are bound up, and they speedily die; therefore it is, that every day after meals they take of this divine medicine in order to get a motion of their howels.

On the 21st of June, as our reade.s know, the first part of the force intended to act against the Chinese arrived off Macao; and some days afterwards, the Chinese authorities published a graduated scale of rewards, to be given for the taking or destroying British ships or subjects. The document, which the author observes, is eurious, "as the first of the kind ever known to have emanated from this very singular government," certainly illustrates, in a very marvellous degree, the barbarian policy of these monopolizers of all the wisdom and civilization of the earth. The following is an abstract of the rewards:—

"For the capture of a ship of 80 guns, twenty thousand dollars; for smaller ones, a diminished reward of one hundred dollars for every gun under 80. For utterly destroying the same by fire or otherwise, ten thousand dollars. For a merchantvessel, all her cargo-whether goods or money, excepting guns, warlike instruments, or opium-to the captors, with an additional ten thousand for those vessels that have three masts; for those with two and a half mast (probably steamers), five thousand dollars; and for those with two masts, three thousand; for a large boat, three hundred; for a small boat one hundred; for destroying by fire or sinking them, one-third of the above sum or sums. For taking alive a barbarian officer, if chief commander, five thousand dollars; five hundred to be deducted for every degree of rank lower. For the murder of the same, one-third of the before-named sum. For taking alive English barbarians, or Parsees, whether capable of ng wanted otherwise: es, give its for all the however, t profound h scarcely connected. en in conparticular we have ore politic

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soldiers or sailors, one hundred dollars. For the solders or sainty, one intimeted utiliars. For the murder of the same, one-fifth of the aforesaid sum. To those who seize the black imps (sepoys and lascars), a proportionate reward. For abandoned lascars), a proportionate reward. For abandoned natives who take supplies to the barbarians, one hundred dollars. For those less guilty, a proportionate reward. Those less guilty, refers to the native compradores and servants, who, though they auitted service at the time the edicts ordered them to do, soon after returned to their employers; of which circumstance Lin was fully aware. This table of rewards has to the stranger a very alarming appearance; but it was well known to the residents, that few of the natives would attempt to avail themselves of the offered bounties, as they well knew they would never see the reward, even in case of a successful capture, as the high officers would always invent some false charge of informality to warrant them in withholding it."

Little as we know of this nation, in all which constitutes its real character we have, yet, some acquaintance with its externals; and are scarcely acquamate with the commander Bingham for such para-graphs of information as the following:—"The ladies of China paint white and red, with the eyebrows marked with fine black lines." many of our readers may like to see a Chinese dandy; and here is a clever portrait of one, which may convince them that barbarism is tolerably evenly divided between London and Pekin, and a Celestial exquisite is, allowing for the mere difference of fashions, pretty much the same sort of animal as may be met, any spring morning, on the shady side of Regent Street:—

"This Mandarin was one of the finest specimens of a man I had till then seen in China. He stood about six feet two or three inches, and was apparently stout in proportion. He wore the winter cap, the crown of which was of a puce-coloured satin, shaped to, and fitting close to the head, with a brim of black velvet turned sharply up all round, the front and hinder parts rising rather higher than the sides, in fact, in shape much resembling the paper boats we make for children. On the dome-shaped top of this he wore a white crystal sexangular button, in a bandsome setting. Beneath this was a one-eyed peacock's feather falling down between his shoulders. This feather was set in green jade-stone about two inches long, beyond which about ten inches of the feather projected, and though apparently but one, is, in fact, formed of several most beautifully united. His ma-kwa, or riding-coat, was a fine blue camlet, the large sleeves of which extended about half down the fore-arm, and the skirts nearly to the hip. Under this he wore a richly-figured blue silk jacket, the serves equally large, but reaching nearly to the wrist, and the skirts sufficiently long to display the fall beauty of it below the ma-kwa. These loose dresses always fold over the right breast, and are fastened from top to bottom with loops and buttons. His unwhisperables were of a light blue figured Nankin crape, cut much in the modern Greek style, being immediately below the knee tucked into the black satin mandarin boots, that in shape much resemble the old hessian, once so common in this country, with soles some two inches thick, the sides country, with soles some two mehes thick, the sides of which were kept nicely white, Warren's jet not yet having been introduced. To this part of his dress a Chinese dandy pays as much attention as our exquisites do to the formation of a 'Humby.' The figure was completed by his apparently warlike, but really peaceable implements, which no respectable chinaman would be seen without, viz., the fan with its highly-worked sheath; the purse or tobacco-pouch, in the exquisite embroidery of which great ingenuity is displayed; a variety of silver tooth and carpicks, with a pocket for his watch, the belt to which these are attached having a small leather case fixed to it, to contain his flint and steel. I had nearly forgotten his tail,—his beautiful tail, the pride of every Chinaman's heart,—and in this case, if all his own, he might well be proud of it. I am afraid to say how thick it was, but it reached half way down his leg, and I would defy Rowland's Macassar to give

The Chinese tail, however, is something more

"On the subjugation of China by the Tartars an edict was issued, requiring the whole nation to shave the front of the head, and to plat the residue of the hair into a tail, the length and size of which is considered in China a great mark of masculine beauty, in consequence of which great quantities of false hair are worked up with the natural hair, the ends being finished off with black silk cord. To the lower orders it is a useful ornament. I remember, on one occasion, to have seen a Chinaman flogging his pig along with it, while on another, the servant was dusting the table; and when their belligerent propensities are excited, which is not often, they twist each other's tails round their hands, pulling with all their strength, and enduring the most horrible torture until one or the other cries out peccavi."

Their soldiers, it appears, are not the only formidable looking things which the Chinese get up, by the aid of a little dressing-but which will not bear closer military inspection :-

"The Conway had been employed in surveying "The Conway had been employed in surveying the mouths of this mighty river, and her indefatigable captain succeeded in discovering a passage by which line-of-battle ships might be conducted through the sands which guard its entrance. The Conway did not proceed above sixty miles up, and even then the obby west Count to sure problems to the flored to cbb was found to run eight hours, and the flood at neap tides was scarcely perceptible. The appearance of the ship created a great sensation: and the natives were apparently busy throwing up fortifications, which, being examined with the telescope, proved nothing but mats extended on poles, with painted ports to give them the appearance of forts; these poor ignorant people not having the least idea that their real character could be so easily distinguished. During the time the dispute was going on between the late Lord Napier and the Chinese authorities, our countrymen at Canton were one morning astonished at men at Canton were one morning assonsace at seeing the shore apparently bristling with a hundred cannon; but on examining them with their glasses, they had put up in the front of a mat-fort a range of earthen jars, with their open end pointed towards the river. We found that it was a common practice to stick a large round piece of wood into the muzzle of a three-pounder, painted white, with a black spot as large as the bore of a thirty-two pounder, and as the white muzzle was continued along the line of guns it became very difficult by merely looking at them to discover the deception."

The Island of Chusan, or Chowsan, with the city of Ting-hai, is well described by our author -who gives, also, many curious particulars of the Portuguese town of Macao. But these descriptions may be found elsewhere -and the places are becoming familiar to British imaginations. We prefer sketches illustrative of character:-

"When the troops first entered Ting-hai scarcely a soul was to be seen. Thousands had left the city, but many families remained shut up in their houses. When they found that the troops were peaceable and quiet, they gradually showed themselves, and the rabble speedily commenced a system of plunder; and goods from the descried houses were carried out of the city night and day. The commandant was requested to prevent this by giving directions that nothing should be allowed to pass the gate. Orders to this effect were at first refused, on the plea that the inhabitants ought to come and look after their own affairs; and thus these disregarders of meum and luum were allowed to carry on a most prosperous game of spoliation, everything rapidly disappearing before their light fingers. No shops were open, and had this continued the city would soon have been empty; orders were therefore at length given to stop the robbers at the gates, and not to allow them to climb over the walls. The remedy now became worse than the disease; honest men were stopped with the thieves; for who was to distinguish between them? Goods out of number accumulated at the guard-house, and the magistrate's office was besieged by claimants to recover their property, who, on getting an order for it, helped themselves most liberally,

than an ornament, and has its uses; which is more than can be said for some of the hairy appendages that figure in the evidences of European barberism:—

"On the subjugation of China by the Tartars an of dead relations, whose bodies were carried out of the town, when their curiosity prompted them to examine one of these pretended repositories of the dead, which proved to be full of rolls of silk, crape, and other valuables. • • The coffin-artifice failing, and other valuables. The comn-artifier raining, other methods were resorted to by the ever prolific minds of the Chinese. Several met their death from the sentries, while trying to force their way by them. One aged rogue, overladen with plunder, sunk in the canal; many received the penalty of their crimes from the people whom they were attempting to rob. one fellow, in particular, was found tied to a post in the market-place so tightly bound, that the blood oozed out from his hands and arms, and his eyes were starting from their sockets. Another was brought to the magistrate's office, who had been thus treated by his captor,—a literary graduate, and it was two hours before he recovered the use of his speech. This learned character seemed much astonished, and could not at all understand why he should be accused of cruelty, having, as he stated, merely executed an act

or justice."

"One great difficulty felt in our first intercourse with this island, was the little knowledge the natives had of silver. The tehen being their circulating medium, thousands of strings of them were carried off by the robbers before the soldiers became aware of their value. The inhabitants would at first not the silvers account the Caroline will seed a delay and take silver, except the Carolus pillared dollar; and it was very long before they could be induced to receive the Mexican on any terms. I have, when paying for bullocks, seen them examine the dollars which that most minutely, only selecting those on which that king's effigy was represented with a small piece of armour on the shoulder. When they became more familiar with our silver coin, I saw a man refuse to take a sovereign, preferring an English shilling: in fact, nothing like a gold coinage has existed in China for ages. So addicted are the Chinese to debasing the currency that even the tchen, which is of less value than a tenth of a penny, is counterfeited. They will take a dollar, cut off the stamp about the thickness of tinsel, and scrape out the inside until a mere shell of the same thickness is left; they then fill it up with copper, and neatly braze the stamp on. The most critical examination of an unpractised eye will not easily discover the cheat. All the English houses employ shroffs, native Chinese, who readily detect a bad dollar; and as they are answerable for any that may be such after undergoing their examina-tion, the English merchants are seldom sufferers by

We have devoted the principal part of our present article to such matters as have reference to the Chinese Head-but it is not fitting that we should bring our notice to a close, without some mention of that far more famed and cultivated Chinese feature, the Foot. On this subject our author's inquiries were curious and minute-and he was permitted to prosecute them under what we cannot but think very favourable circumstances—the "pretty girl of sixteen" being just the sort of subject one would choose for such experiments :-

" During our stay at this anchorage we made constant trips to the surrounding islands; in one of which,—at Tea Island,—we had a good opportunity of minutely examining the far-famed little female feet. I had been purchasing a pretty little pair of satin shoes for about half a dollar, at one of the Chinese farmers' houses, where we were surrounded by several men, women, and children. By signs we expressed a wish to see the pied mignon of a really good-looking woman of the party. Our signs were quickly understood, but, probably, from her being a matron, it was not considered quite comme it faut for her to comply with our desire, as she would not consent to show us her foot; but a very pretty in-teresting girl of about sixteen was placed on a stool for the purpose of gratifying our curiosity. At first she was very bashful, and appeared not to like exposing her Cinderella-like slipper; but the shine of a new and very bright 'loopee' soon overcame her

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delicacy, when she commenced unwinding the upper which passes round the leg, and over a tongue that comes up from the heel. then removed, and the second bandage taken off, which did duty for a stocking; the turns round the toes and ankles being very tight, and keeping all in place. On the naked foot being exposed to view we were agreeably surprised by finding it delicately white and clean, for we fully expected to have found it otherwise, from the known habits of most of the Chinese. The leg from the knee downwards was much wasted; the foot appeared as if broken up at the instep, while the four small toes were bent flat and pressed down under the foot, the great toe only being allowed to retain its natural position. By the breaking of the instep a high arch is formed between the heel and the toe, enabling the individual to step with them on an even surface; in this respect materially differing from the Canton and Macao ladies; for with them the instep is not interfered with, but a very high heel is substituted, thus bringing the point of the great toe to the ground. When our Canton compradore was shown a Chusan shoe, the exclamation was 'He yaw! how can walkee so fashion?' would he be convinced that such was the case. toes, doubled under the foot I have been describing, could only be moved by the hand sufficiently to show that they were not actually grown into the foot. I have often been astonished at seeing how well the women contrived to walk on their tiny pedestals. Their gait is not unlike the little mincing walk of the French ladies; they were constantly to be seen going about without the aid of any stick, and I have often seen them at Macao contending against a fresh breeze with a tolerably good-sized umbrella spread. The little children, as they scrambled away before us, balanced themselves with their arms extended, and reminded one much of an old hen between walking and flying. All the women I saw about Chusan had small feet. It is a general characteristic of true Chinese descent; and there cannot be a greater mistake than to suppose that it is confined to the higher orders, though it may be true that they take more pains to compress the foot to the smallest possible dimensions than the lower classes do. High and low, rich and poor, all more or less follow the custom; and when you see a large or natural-sized foot, you may depend upon it the possessor is not of true Chinese blood, but is either of Tartar extraction, or belongs to the tribes that live and have their being The Tartar ladies, however, are fallon the waters, ing into this Chinese habit of distortion, as the accompanying edict of the emperor proves. For know, good people, you must not dress as you like in China. You must follow the customs and habits of your ancestors, and wear your winter and summer clothing as the emperor, or one of the six boards shall If this were the custom in England, how beneficial it would be to our pockets, and detrimental to the tailors and milliners. Let us now see what the emperor says about little feet, on finding that they were coming into vogue, among the undeformed daughters of the Mantchows. Not only does he attack the little feet, but the large Chinese sleeves which were creeping into fashion at court. fore to check these misdemeanours, the usual Chinese remedy was resorted to, and a flaming edict launched, denouncing them; threatening the 'heads of the families with degradation and punishment, if they did not put a stop to such gross illegalities;' and his celestial majesty further goes on and tells the fair ones, 'that by persisting in their vulgar habits, they will debar themselves from the possibility of being selected as ladies of honour for the inner palace, at the approaching presentation! How far this had the desired effect I cannot say. When the children begin to grow, they suffer excruciating pain, but as they advance in years, their vanity is played upon by being assured that they would be exceedingly ugly with large feet. Thus they are persuaded to put up with what they consider a necessary evil, but the children are remarkably patient under pain. A poor little child about five years old was brought to our surgeon, having been most dreadfully scalded, part of its dress adhering to the skin. During the painful operation of removing the linen, it only now and then said 'heyaw, he-yaw.' "

But here we must stop for this week.

The Anatomy of Sleep; or the Art of Procuring Slumber at Will. By Edward Binns, M.D. Churchill.

IT is not our custom to be personal in our criticisms; and our utter unacquaintance of the author whose name figures in the title-page of the work before us, precludes all motive for indulging in that reprehensible practice on the present occasion: but in what terms can we speak of this volume of mysticism and credulity, and display, as in duty bound, the nature and tendency of a work which sets the common sense of mankind at defiance, and moving in a sphere of its own, gathers, as in a garner, whatever is most unintelligible and questionable in science, and yet avoid certain inferences from the book to its author, which would be as painful in the utterance to ourselves, as they must be to the object of our censure. Had the work been addressed directly to the profession, we should have passed it in silence-satisfied to leave "the blood of Douglas" to "protect itself;" but its pretension is to be popular-its appeal is to the masses; and however pure may be the author's intentions, its faults jump so perfectly with the tendencies of the time, that, in its effects, it can only be classed with the ad captandum publications of avowed quackery.

It was a fancy of the once celebrated Dean Tucker, that nations, like individuals, were liable to paroxysms of insanity; and it really seems as if the people of these islands, who in the midst of the noonday blaze of the Baconian philosophy, abandon the criteria of ordinary logic, and surrender themselves, unresistingly, to the freaks of the most unbridled imagination. are fast approaching to such a state of hallucination. Now the volume before us, both in its matter and its execution, is well calculated to administer to this infirmity; and it really is curious to remark how closely the credulity of the author has led him, in the composition of his book, to adopt the style and execution of those whose profession it is to clothe quackery in the garb of science.

To begin with the beginning; the 'Art of Pro-curing Slumber at Will,' which occupies the titlepage of the work, forms the subject only of its few latter pages. It is, indeed, a mere corollary from a metaphysical crotchet, and, as a matter of science, is beneath the notice of the merest sciolist in physiology. Some of our readers probably may have received letters from the "late Mr. Gardner of this volume, an enthusiast not long since living in Piccadilly, who invited his correspondents to hear and consider the outline and principle of his imputed discovery,—the very identical "art of procuring sleep" adopted and recommended by Dr. Binns. This method (introduced by Mr. Gardner to his visitors with much muddy and irrelevant metaphysics,) was, in truth, but a modification of the well-known practice of fixing the mind on a single thought, till its monotony produces weariness, weariness diminishes susceptibility, and diminished susceptibility suspends consciousness and induces sleep. To give birth to this "magnanimous mouse," the whole bulk of Dr. Binns's volume, excepting some few pages, constitutes the labouring mountain.

That the principle itself is fallacious, we need scarcely say. Every one knows that in perfect health, fatigue is spontaneously followed by sleep, and that persons are only preserved in unwilling watchfulness, when internal irritation or excited passions disturb the functions of the body. Under such circumstances, the power of fixing the mind on one thought is not under the control of the will. The brain, whether thus influenced by functional affections of remote viscera, or stimulated by powerful external causes, is in a true state of orgasm, and repeats its movements under another law than that of normal

volition. As wisely might we direct a patient in sleepless delirium to undertake the process, and in the language of a once celebrated novel, recommend him to "exert your energies, citzen Miss," and go to sleep; nay, even within that narrow range of excitement in which the will is not wholly superseded, the very exercise of its powers must be an additional impediment to sleep. The proposed condition, then, is only attainable, when the brain is already predisposed to slumber, and the whole is a strict parallel for the far-famed bird-catching operation of sprinkling tails with salt.

A serious objection to the publication as a scientific production, is, that it is an entire and perfect non sequitur;—that the greater part of the preliminary matter has nothing to do with the practical conclusion; and that the few facts and assumptions which bear upon the process, tend to show that it is inapplicable to the end; the one leading conclusion from the whole being, that sleep is too closely connected with organic causes, to obey the will.

But, were this all, the case would be neither new nor rare; nor would it call for extraordinary censure. It is the abuse of science of which we complain; the morbid craving after the marvellous and the unintelligible; the tendency to unsettle the known laws of evidence, and to impose a passive acquiescence in whatever any one chooses to assert. no matter how far out of the usual course of nature, or (to speak plain truth) how egregiously nonsensical. The greater bulk of the volume, indeed, is filled with wonderful cases of cataleptic seizures, somnambulism, dreams, ecstacies, partial insanities, monomania-of all, in short, that is exceptional or inexplicable in mental phenomena. With a head filled and heated with this sort of reading-albeit occasionally called back by his professional studies to a rational scepticism, which exhales itself in an occasional sentence, "and then is heard no more,"-the author has so far subverted his own powers of judgment, that he scarcely escapes from accepting the most extravagant assertions of the Mesmerists, (if, indeed, he does not credit them), and he scruples not to declare his belief in the genuineness of Lord Shrewsbury's tales of the Estatica and the Addolorata; nay, not contented with adopting these "physiological facts" as instances of "cataleptic ecstasy," he states of himself that Lord Shrewsbury had convinced him that the appearances " are explicable by no law of Nature, and that we are bound to refer them to the direct influence of the great God."

To add to the strangeness of the opinion thus hazarded, it is put forward, notwithstanding a sound inference drawn in another part of the volume against miracles that are worked for inadequate ends, and involve a partial or absurd action of the deity. In another paragraph, too, Dr. Binns talks of the possibility of conceiving some occult cause, cognizable only by its effects, as manifested in these cases; and again he places his miraculous interpositions in a line with the effects of steam, the Daguerreotype, and other intelligible though unlooked-for natural phenomena, which, he says, should make every one pause in reading of the Ecstatics!

With respect to the entire class of these imputed facts, at war, not only with common experience, but with the known economy of nature, moral and physical, the least that can be expected of the believer is, that he should know his own mind; not only that he should have taken note of his own credulity, and satisfied himself as to what he does or does not believe, but also that he should have possessed himself of the critical canons which have led him to his conclusions, and that he should be able to give some rational grounds for the faith that is in him. In the volume before us we can scarcely trace a

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wonders uncontradicted in another page, a

single rule of judgment invoked to direct the

author's creed, that is not violated in some other

instance. What he thinks, on the whole of any

one subject, it is scarcely possible to gather; all that we can collect is, that he has a tempera-

mental aptitude for the marvellous, but that he

knows not exactly what to make of it. On this

account we deem the volume of mischievous ten-

American Notes for General Circulation. By Charles Dickens. 2 vols.

THE travelling sketches last week presented to our readers were perhaps less lively than those

Mr. Dickens describes one of his cross-country journeys as not unlike an ascent to the top of St. Paul's in an omnibus. We must allow him to make good this whimsical assertion, by a sketch

on a Virginia road :-

"Soon after nine o'clock we come to Potomac Creek, where we are to land: and then comes the oddest part of the journey. Seven stage-coaches are preparing to carry us on. Some of them are ready, preparing to carry us on. Some of them are reasy, some of them are not ready. Some of the drivers are blacks, some whites. There are four horses to each coach, and all the horses, harnessed, or unharnessed, are there. The passengers are getting out of the steamboat, and into the conches; the luggage is being transferred in noisy wheelbarrows; the horses are frightened, and impatient to start; the black drivers are chattering to them like so many monkeys; and the white ones whooping like so many drovers: for the main thing to be done in all kinds of hostlering here, is to make as much noise as possible. The coaches are something like the French coaches, but not nearly so good. In lieu of springs, they are hung on bands of the strongest leather. There is very little choice or difference between them; and they may be likened to the car portion of the swings at an English fair, roofed, put upon axle-trees and wheels, and curtained with painted They are covered with mud from the roof to the wheel-tire, and have never been cleaned since they were first built. The tickets we have received on board the steamboat are marked No. 1, so we belong to coach No. 1. I throw my coat on the box, and hoist my wife and her maid into the inside. It has only one step, and that being about a yard from the ground, is usually approached by a chair: when

single fixed and defined opinion on disputed formance than getting in, and that is, getting fout again. There is only one outside passenger, and he sits upon the box. As I am that one, I climb up; and while they are strapping the luggage on the roof, and heaping it into a kind of tray behind, have a good opportunity of looking at the driver. He is a negro very black indeed. He is dressed in a coarse pepper-and-salt suit excessively patched and darned (particularly at the knees), grey stockings, enormous unblacked high-low shoes, and very short trousers. He has two old gloves: one of parti-coloured worsted, and one of leather. He has a very short whip, broken in the middle and bandaged up with string. And yet he wears a low-crowned, broad-brimmed, black hat: faintly shadowing forth a kind of insme imitation of an English coachman! But or inside initiation of an English coachinan: Dut somebody in authority cries 'Go ahead!' as I am making these observations. The mail takes the lead in a four-horse wagon, and all the coaches follow in procession: headed by No. 1. By the way, whenever an Englishman would cry 'All right!' an American cries 'Go ahead!' which is somewhat expressive of the national character of the two countries, The first half mile of the road is over bridges made of loose planks laid across two parallel poles, which tilt up as the wheels roll over them : and IN the river. The river has a clayey bottom and is full of holes, so that half a horse is constantly disappearing unexpectedly, and can't be found again for some time. But we get past even this, and come to the road itself, which is a series of alternate swamps and gravel-pits. A tremendous place is close before us, the black driver rolls his eyes, screws his mouth up very round, and looks straight between the two leaders, as if he were saying to himself, 'we have done this often before, but now I think we shall have a crash.' He takes a rein in each hand; jerks and pulls at both; and dances on the splashboard with both feet (keeping his seat, of course) like the late lamented Ducrow on two of his fiery coursers. come to the spot, sink down in the mire nearly to the coach windows, tilt on one side at an angle of fortyfive degrees, and stick there. The insides scream dismally; the coach stops; the horses flounder; all the other six coaches stop; and their four-and-twenty horses flounder likewise; but merely for company, and in sympathy with ours. company, and in sympathy with ours. Then the following circumstances occur. Black Driver (to the horses). 'Hi!'—Nothing happens. Insides scream again. — Black Driver (to the horses). 'Ho!'—Horses plunge, and splash the black driver. Gentleman Inside (looking out) 'Why, what on airth—'Gentleman receives a variety of splashes and draws his head in again, without finishing his question or waiting for an answer.—Black Driver (still to the horses). 'Jiddy! Jiddy!—Horses pull violently, drag the coach out of the hole, and draw it up a bank; so steep, that the black driver's legs fly up into the air, and he goes back among the luggage on the roof. But he immediately recovers himself, and cries (still to the horses),—'Pill!'—No effect. On the contrary, the coach begins to roll back upon No. 2, which rolls back upon No. 4, and so on, until No. 7 is heard to curse and no reach a courter of a mile behind. and swear nearly a quarter of a mile behind, \_Black Driver (louder than before). 'Pill!'-Horses make another struggle to get up the bank, and again the another struggle to get up the bank, and again the coach rolls backward.—Black Driver (louder than before). 'Pe-e-e-ill!'—Horses make a desperate struggle.—Black Driver (recovering spirits). 'Hi, Jiddy, Jiddy, Pill!'—Horses make another effort. Jiddy, Jiddy, Pill!—Horses make another effort.

—Black Driver (with great vigour). 'Ally Loo!

Hi. Jiddy, Jiddy, Pill. Ally Loo!!—Horses almost do it.—Black Driver (with his eyes starting out of his head). 'Lee, den. Lee, dere. Hi. Jiddy, Jiddy. Pill. Ally Loo. Lee-e-e-e-e!!—They run up the bank, and go down again on the other side at a fearful pace. It is impossible to stop them, and at the bottom there is a deep hollow, full of water. The coach rolls frightfully. The insides scream. The mud and water fly about us. The black driver dances like a madman. Suddenly we are all right by some extraordinary means, and stop to breathe.—A black friend of the black driver is sitting on a fence. The black driver recognises him by twirling his head round and round like a harthere is no chair, ladies trust in Providence. The back driver recognises him coach holds nine inside, having a seat across from door to door, where we in England put our legs; so that there is only one feat more difficult in the permanent of the back driver recognises him by twirling his head round and round like a harcach holds nine inside, having a seat across from door to door, where we in England put our legs; so that there is only one feat more difficult in the permanent of the company as desired to be shaved; while the remainder looked on or yawned our or yawned our to door, where we in England put our legs; so that there is only one feat more difficult in the permanent of the company as desired to be shaved; while the remainder looked on or yawned our or yawned our or yawned such that there is no chair, ladies trust in Providence. The black driver recognises him by twirling his head round and round like a harcach holds a harcach holds are to be the providence. The black driver recognises him by twirling his head round and round like a harcach holds a harcach holds are to be shaved; while the remainder looked on or yawned shaved; while the remainder looked

a fiddle, and hope a please you when we get you through sa. Old 'coman at home sir:' chuckling very much. 'Outside gentleman sa, he often remember old 'coman at home sa,' grinning again.—
'Aye, aye, we'll take care of the old woman. Don't
be afraid.'—The black driver grins again, but there is another hole, and beyond that, another bank, close before us. So he stops short: cries (to the horses again) 'Easy, Easy den. Ease, Steady, Hi. Jiddy, Pill. Ally, Loo,' but never 'Lee!' until we are reduced to the very last extremity, and are in the midst of difficulties, extrication from which appears to be all but impossible.—And so we do the ten miles or thereabouts in two hours and a half; breaking no bones, though bruising a great many; and in short getting through the distance, 'like a fiddle.'"

A travelling companion, picked up on the Harrisburgh mail, is not to be overlooked:-

"The coachmen always change with the horses, and are usually as dirty as the coach. The first was dressed like a very shabby English baker; the second like a Russian peasant: for he wore a loose purple camlet robe with a fur collar, tied round his waist with a parti-coloured worsted sash; grey trousers; light blue gloves; and a cap of bearskin. It had by this time come on to rain very heavily, and there was a cold damp mist besides, which penetrated to the skin. I was very glad to take advantage of a stoppage and get down to stretch my legs, shake the water off my great-coat, and swallow the usual antitemperance recipe for keeping out the cold. When I mounted to my seat again, I observed a new parcel lying on the coach roof, which I took to be a rather large fiddle in a brown bag. In the course of a few miles, however, I discovered that it had a glazed cap at one end and a pair of muddy shoes at the other and further observation demonstrated it to be a small boy in a snuff-coloured coat, with his arms quite pinioned to his sides by deep forcing into his pockets. He was, I presume, a relative or friend of the coachman's, as he lay a-top of the luggage with his face towards the rain; and except when a change of position brought his shoes in contact with my hat, he appeared to be asleep. At last, on some occasion of our stopping, this thing slowly upreared itself to the height of three feet six, and fixing its eyes on me, served in piping accents, with a complacent yawn half quenched in an obliging air of friendly patronage, 'Well now, stranger, I guess you find this a most like an English arternoon, hey!'"

A Pittsburgh canal-boat proved a vehicle little more luxurious than the "Pill and Jiddy" vehicle, or the Harrisburgh mail. This, however, was in part owing to imperfect notions of accommodation entertained by travelling Americans. "Boz" was put to bed on a book-shelf, -his berth being "just the width of an ordinary sheet of Bath post paper." In the morning he was annoyed by other peculiarities, more primitive than pleasant.

"There was a tin ladle chained to the deck, with which every gentleman who thought it necessary to cleanse himself (some were superior to this weakness), fished the dirty water out of the canal, and ness), ished the dirty water out of the canal, and poured it into a tin basin, secured in like manner. There was also a jack-towel. And, hanging up before a little looking-glass in the bar, in the immediate vicinity of the bread and cheese and biscuits, were a public comb and hair-brush. At eight o'clock, the shelves being taken down and put away and the tables joined together, everybody sat down to the tea, coffee, bread, butter, salmon, shad, liver, steak, potatoes, pickles, ham, chops, black-puddings, and sausages, all over again. Some were fond of compounding this variety, and having it all on their plates at once. As each gentleman got through his own personal amount of tea, coffee, bread, butter, salmon, shad, liver, steak, potatoes, pickles, ham, chops, black-puddings, and sausages, he rose up and walked off. When every-body had done with everything, the fragments were cleared away: and one of the waiters appearing anew in the character of a barber, shaved such of the company as desired to be

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boat, with a light fresh-coloured face, and a pepperand-salt suit of clothes, who was the most inquisitive fellow that can possibly be imagined. He never spoke otherwise than interrogatively. He was an embodied inquiry. Sitting down or standing up, still or moving, walking the deck or taking his meals, there he was, with a great note of interrogation in each eye, two in his cocked ears, two more in his turned-up nose and chin, at least half a dozen more about the corners of his mouth, and the largest one of all in his hair, which was brushed pertly off his forehead in a flaxen clump. Every button in his clothes said, 'Eh? What's that? Did you speak? Say that again, will you?' He was always wide awake, like the enchanted bride who drove her husband frantic; always restless; always thirsting for answers: perpetually seeking and never finding. There never was such a curious man. I wore a fur great-coat at that time, and before we were well clear of the wharf, he questioned me concerning it, and its price, and where I bought it, and when, and what fur it was, and what it weighed, and what it cost. Then he took notice of my watch, and asked what that cost, and whether it was a French watch, and where I got it, and how I got it, and whether I bought it or had given me, and how it went, and where the keyhole was, and when I wound it, every night or every morning, and whether I ever forgot to wind it at all, and if I did, what then? Where had I been to last, and where was I going next, and where was I going after that, and had I seen the President, and what did he say, and what did I say, and what did he say when I had said that? Eh? Lor now! do tell!"

These meals proved but funeral feasts to one of our author's sociable disposition. Mr. Dickens does not complain so loudly as some of his predecessors of the rapidity with which the food of America is dispatched, but the want of mirth at the banquet touched him home; and he lays against his companions the general charge of behaving as if every man's conscience was burdened by some horrible secret. A few humorous figures and dialogues, however, came before him; and here, by the way, we may observe, that no traveller within our remembrance has kept himself so scrupulously clear of personalities or "pencilling" as our author. The originals we find in his pages were casually encountered, and, therefore, fair game. The first was met with on board the canal-boat aforesaid-

"A thin-faced, spare-figured man of middle age and stature, dressed in a dusty drabbish-coloured suit, such as I never saw before. He was perfectly quiet during the first part of the journey: indeed I don't remember having so much as seen him until he was brought out by circumstances, as great men often are. The canal extends to the foot of the mountain, and there, of course, it stops; the passengers being conveyed across it by land carriage, and taken on afterwards by another canal-boat, the counterpart of the first, which awaits them on the other side. There are two canal lines of passageboat; one is called The Express, and one (a cheaper one) The Pioneer. The Pioneer gets first to the mountain, and waits for The Express people to come up; both sets of passengers being conveyed across it at the same time. We were the Express company; but when we had crossed the mountain, and had come to the second boat, the proprietors took it into their heads to draft all the Pioneers into it likewise, so that we were five-and-forty at least, and the ac cession of passengers was not all of that kind which improved the prospect of sleeping at night. Our people grumbled at this, as people do in such cases; but suffered the boat to be towed off with the whole freight aboard nevertheless; and away we went down the canal. At home I should have protested lustily, but being a foreigner here, I held my peace. Not so this passenger. He cleft a path among the people on deck (we were nearly all on deck), and without addressing anybody whomsoever, soliloquised as follows:—'This may suit you, this may, but it don't suit me. This may be all very well with Down Easters and men of Boston raising, but it won't suit my figure no how; and no two ways about that; and so I tell you. Now! I'm from the brown forests of the Mississippi, I am, and when the sun shines on

me, it does shine—a little. It don't glimmer where I live, the sun don't. No. I'm a brown forester, I I an't a Johnny Cake. There are no smooth skins where I live. We're rough men there. Rather. If Down Easters and men of Boston raising like this, I am glad of it, but I'm none of that raising nor of that breed. No. This company wants a little fixing, it does. I'm the wrong sort of man for 'em, I am. They won't like me, they won't. This is piling of it up, a little too mountainous, this is.' the end of every one of these short sentences he turned upon his heel, and walked the other way; checking himself abruptly when he had finished another short sentence, and turning back again. It is impossible for me to say what terrific meaning was hidden in the words of this brown forester, but I know that the other passengers looked on in a sort of admiring horror, and that presently the boat was put back to the wharf, and as many of the Pioneers as could be coaxed or bullied into going away, were got rid of. When we started again, some of the boldest spirits on board, made bold to say to the obvious occasion of this improvement in our prospects, Much obliged to you, sir:' whereunto the brown forester, (waving his hand, and still walking up and down as before), replied, 'No you an't. You're none o' my raising. You may act for yourselves, you may. I have pinted out the way. Down Easters and Johnny Cakes can follow if they please. I an't a Johnny Cake, I an't. I am from the brown forests of the Mississippi, I am'-and so on, as before. was unanimously voted one of the tables for his bed at night\_there is a great contest for the tables\_in consideration of his public services: and he had the warmest corner by the stove throughout the rest of the journey. But I never could find out that he did anything except sit there; nor did I hear him speak again until, in the midst of the bustle and turmoil of getting the luggage ashore in the dark at Pittsburg, I stumbled over him as he sat smoking a cigar on the cabin steps, and heard him muttering to himself, with a short laugh of defiance, 'I an't a Johnny Cake, I an't. I'm from the brown forests of the Mississippi. I am, damme!' I am inclined to argue from this, that he had never left off saving so."

A new aspect is given to the river scenery of the United States, and with so much graphic power, as to attest the truth of the picture. Here is an evening scene, taken a little short of Cincinnati:—

"Evening slowly steals upon the landscape, and changes it before me, when we stop to set some emigrants ashore. Five men, as many women, and a little girl. All their worldly goods are a bag, a large chest, and an old chair: one, old, high-backed. rush-bottomed chair: a solitary settler in itself. They are rowed ashore in the boat, while the vessel stands a little off, awaiting its return, the water being shallow. They are landed at the foot of a high bank, on the summit of which are a few log cabins, attainable only by a long winding path. It is growing dusk; but the sun is very red, and shines in the It is growing water and on some of the tree-tops, like fire. The men get out of the boat first; help out the women; take out the bag, the chest, the chair; bid the rowers 'good bye;' and shove the boat off for them. At the first plash of the oars in the water, the oldest woman of the party sits down in the old chair, close to the water's edge, without speaking a word. None of the others sit down, though the chest is large enough for many seats. They all stand where they landed, as if stricken into stone; and look after the boat. So they remain, quite still and silent: the old woman and her old chair in the centre; the bag and chest upon the shore, without anybody heeding them : all eyes fixed upon the boat. It comes along side, is made fast, the men jump on board, the engine is put in motion, and we go hoarsely on again. There they stand yet, without the motion of a hand. can see them, through my glass, when, in the distance and increasing darkness, they are mere specks to the eye: lingering there still: the old woman in the old chair, and all the rest about her : not stirring in the least degree. And thus I slowly lose them. The night is dark, and we proceed within the shadow of the wooded bank, which makes it darker. After gliding past the sombre maze of boughs for a long time, we come upon an open space where the tall

trees are burning. The shape of every branch and twig is expressed in a deep red glow, and as the light wind stirs and ruffles it, they seem to vegetate in fire. It is such a sight as we read of in legends of enchanted forests: saving that it is sad to see these noble works wasting away so awfully, alone; and to think how many years must come and go before the magic that created them will rear their like upon this ground again."

The Father of Waters (or Mississippi) will not thank Mr. Dickens for the following striking but repulsive portraiture:—

"But what words shall describe the Mississippi, great father of rivers, who (praise be to Heaven) has no young children like him! An enormous ditch. sometimes two or three miles wide, running liquid mud, six miles an hour: its strong and frothy current choked and obstructed everywhere by huge logs and whole forest trees: now twining themselves together in great rafts, from the interstices of which a sedgy lazy foam works up, to float upon the water's top; now rolling past like monstrous bodies, their tangled roots showing like matted hair; now glancing singly by like giant leeches; and now writhing round and round in the vortex of some small whirlpool, like wounded snakes. The banks low, the trees dwarfish, the marshes swarming with frogs, the wretched cabins few and far apart, their inmates hollow-cheeked and pale, the weather very hot, mosquitoes penetrating into every crack and crevice of the boat, mud and slime on everything: nothing pleasant in its aspect, but the harmless lightning which flickers every night upon the dark horizon. For two days we toiled up this foul stream, striking constantly against the floating timber, or stopping to avoid those more dangerous obstacles, the snags, or sawyers, which are the hidden trunks of trees that have their roots below the tide. When the nights are very dark, the lookout, stationed in the head of the boat, knows by the ripple of the water if any great impediment be near at band, and rings a bell beside him, which is the signal for the engine to be stopped: but always in the night this bell has work to do, and after every ring, there comes a blow which renders it no easy matter to remain in bed. The decline of day here was very gorgeous; tinging the firmament deeply with red and gold, up to the very keystone of the As the sun went down behind the arch above us. bank, the slightest blades of grass upon it seemed to become as distinctly visible as the arteries in the skelcton of a leaf; and when, as it slowly sank, the red and golden bars upon the water grew dimmer, and dimmer yet, as if they were sinking too; and all the glowing colours of departing day paled, inch by inch, before the sombre night; the scene became a thousand times more lonesome and more dreary than before, and all its influences darkened with the We drank the muddy water of this river while we were upon it. It is considered wholesome by the natives, and is something more opaque than gruel, I have seen water like this at the Filter-shops, but nowhere else."

We must refer the reader to the book for portraits of Pitchlynn, the Choctaw chief, and the Kentucky giant, (both subjects for Mistress Jarley). The following is a homelier and commoner figure, but drawn with too much heart to be passed over:—

There was a little woman on board, with a little baby; and both little woman and little child were cheerful, good-looking, bright-eyed, and fair to see. The little woman had been passing a long time with her sick mother in New York, and had left herhome in St. Louis, in that condition in which ladies who truly love their lords desire to be. The baby was born in her mother's house; and she had not seen her husband (to whom she was now returning), for twelve months: having left him a month or two after their marriage. Well, to be sure there never was a little woman so full of hope, and tenderness, and love, and anxiety, as this little woman was: and all day long she wondered whether ' He' would be at the wharf; and whether 'He' had got her letter; and whether, if she sent the baby ashore by somebody else, 'He' would know it, meeting it in the street: which, seeing that he had never set eyes upon it in his life, was not very likely in the abstract, but was probable enough to the young mother. She was

such an artless little creature; and was in such a sunny, beaming, hopeful state; and let out all this sunny, beaming, hopeful state; and let out all this matter, clinging close about her heart, so freely, that all the other lady passengers entered into the spirit of it as much as she; and the captain (who heard all about it from his wife,) was wondrous sly, I promise you: inquiring, every time we met at table, as in forgetfulness, whether she expected any close to meet her at 81. Louis and whether the body to meet her at St. Louis, and whether she would want to go ashore the night we reached it (but woman and to go and the ingular we reached it (but he supposed she wouldn't), and cutting many other dry jokes of that nature. There was one little weazen, dried apple-faced old woman, who took occasion to doubt the constancy of husbands in such circumstances of bereavement; and there was another lady (with a lap-dog) old enough to moralize on the lightness of human affections, and yet not so old that she could help nursing the baby, now and then, or laughing with the rest, when the little woman called it by its father's name, and asked it all manner of fantastic questions concerning him in the joy of her heart. It was something of a blow to the little woman, that when we were within twenty miles of our destination, when we were the minimum in the state of the and such facetiousness as was displayed by the marand such facetousness as was anapared by the mar-ried ladies! and such sympathy as was shown by the single ones! and such peals of laughter as the little woman herself (who would just as soon have cried) greeted every jest with! At last, there were the lights of St. Louis, and here was the wharf, and those were the steps: and the little woman covering her face with her hands, and laughing (or seeming to laugh) more than ever, ran into her own cabin, and shut herself up. I have no doubt that in the charming inconsistency of such excitement, she stopped her ears, lest she should hear 'Him' asking for her: but I did not see her do it. Then, a great crowd of people rushed on board, though the boat was not yet male fast, but was wandering about, among the other boats, to find a landing-place: and everybody looked for the husband: and nobody saw him: when, in the midst of us all—Heaven knows how she ever got there-there was the little woman clinging with both arms tight round the neck of a fine, good-looking, sturdy young fellow! and in a moment afterwards, there she was again, actually clapping her little hands for joy, as she dragged him through the small door of her small cabin, to look at the baby as he lay asleep!"

Of course, among the sights of America, the Prairie was not to be neglected; and accordingly Mr. Dickens started from St. Louis in search of the Looking-glass Prairie, thirty miles from that city. The chapter describing this jaunt is one of the pleasantest in the book; and the hotel at Belleville and its inmate the pleasant-est page thereof. The hotel had a large dining-

"An odd, shambling, low-roofed out-house, half cow-shed and half kitchen, with a coarse brown canvas table-cloth, and tin sconces stuck against the walls, to hold candles at supper-time. The horseman had gone forward to have coffee and some catables prepared, and they were by this time nearly ready. He had ordered 'wheat-bread and chicken fixings,' in preference to 'corn-bread and common doings. The latter kind of refection includes only pork and bacon. The former comprehends broiled ham, sautages, veal cutlets, steaks, and such other viands of that nature as may be supposed, by a tolerably wide poetical construction, to 'fix' a chicken comfortably in the digestive organs of any lady or gentleman. On one of the door-posts at this inn, was a tin plate, whereon was inscribed in characters of gold ' Doctor Crocus;' and on a sheet of paper, pasted up by the side of this plate, was a written announcement that Dr. Crocus would that evening deliver a lecture on Phrenology for the benefit of the Belleville public; at a charge, for admission, of so much a head. Straying up stairs, during the preparation of the chicken-

trait hanging up at the bead of the bed; a likeness, I take it, of the Doctor, for the forehead was fully displayed, and great stress was laid by the artist upon its phrenological developements. The bed itself was covered with an old patchwork counterpane. The room was destitute of carpet or of curtain. There was a damp fire-place without any stove, full of wood ashes; a chair, and a very small table; and on the last-named piece of furniture was displayed, in grand array, the Doctor's library, consisting of some half-dozen greasy old books. Now, it certainly looked about the last apartment on the whole earth out of which any man would be likely to get anything to do him good. But the door, as I have said, stood coaxingly open, and plainly said in conjunction with the chair, the portrait, the table, and the books, Walk in, gentlemen, walk in! Don't be ill, gentlemen, when you may be well in no time. Doctor Crocus is here, gentlemen, the celebrated Doctor Crocus! Dr. Crocus has come all this way to cure you, gentlemen. If you haven't heard of Doctor you, gentiemen. If you haven't neard of Doctor Crocus, it's your fault, gentlemen, who live a little way out of the world here; not Doctor Crocus's. Walk in', gentlemen, walk in! In the passage below, when I went down stairs again, was Doctor Crocus himself. A crowd had flocked in from the Crocus hinseif. A crowd had flocked in from the Court House, and a voice from among them called out to the landlord, 'Colonel! introduce Doctor Crocus,' 'Mr. Dickens,' says the colonel, 'Doctor Crocus,' Upon which Doctor Crocus, who is a tall, fine-looking Scotchman, but rather fierce and warlike in appearance for a professor of the peaceful art of healing, bursts out of the concourse with his right arm extended, and his chest thrown out as far as it will possibly come, and says: - Your countryman, sir! Whereupon Doctor Crocus and I shake hands: Whereupon Doctor Crocus and I shake hands; and Doctor Crocus looks as if I didn't by any means realize his expectations, which, in a linen blouse, and a great straw hat with a green ribbon, and no gloves, and my face and nose profusely ornamented with the stings of mosquitoes and the bites of bugs, it is very likely I did not. 'Long in these parts, sir ?' says I. 'Three or four months, sir,' says the Doctor. 'Do you think of soon returning to the old country, sir?' says I. Doctor Crocus makes no verbal answer, but says 1. Doctor Crocus makes no verbal answer, but gives me an imploring look, which says so plainly, 'Will you ask me that again, a little louder, if you please?' that I repeat the question. 'Think of soon returning to the old country, sir! repeats the Doctor. 'To the old country, sir,' I rejoin. Doctor Crocus looks round upon the crowd to observe the effect he looks round upon the crowd to observe the effect he produces, rubs his hands, and says, in a very loud voice: — Not yet awhile, sir, not yet. You won't catch me at that just yet, sir. I am a little too fond of freedom for that, sir. Ha ha! It's not so easy for a man to tear himself from a free country such as this is, sir. Ha ha! No no! Ha ha! None of that, till one's obliged to do it, sir. No, no! As Dr. Crocus says these latter words, he shakes his head, knowingly, and laughs again. Many of the by-standers shake their heads in concert with the Doctor, and laugh to, and look at each other as much Doctor, and laugh too, and look at each other as much so to say, 'A pretty bright and first-rate sort of chap is Crocus!' and unless I am very much mistaken, a good many people went to the lecture that night, who never thought about phrenology, or about Dr. Crocus either, in all their lives before."

But perhaps the most popular passage will be the following dialogue, reported as having taken place on the road to Columbus. It is well nigh as simple in its materials as Rousseau's far-famed melody on three notes; and yet, for the felicity of its effect, well deserves to be included in the appendix to any new edition of The Art of Conversation.

"The time is one o'clock at noon. The scene, a place where we are to stay to dine, on this journey. The coach drives up to the door of an inn. The day is warm, and there are several idlers lingering about the tavern, and waiting for the public dinner.

Among them is a stout gentleman in a brown hat, swinging himself to and fro in a rocking-chair on the pavement. As the coach stops, a gentleman in a straw hat looks out of the window.—Straw Hat. fixings, I happened to pass the Doctor's chamber; (To the stout gentleman in the rocking-chair). I the and as the door stood wide open, and the room was repty, I made bold to peep in. It was a bare, unfamished, comfortless room, with an unframed porfamished, comfortless room, with an unframed porfamily any emotion whetever.) Yes, sir.—Strew Hat, Warm the original legend, and we shall, therefore, begin

weather, Judge.—Brown Hat. Yes, sir.—Straw Hat. There was a snap of cold, last week.—Brown Hat. Yes, sir.—X pause. They look at each other very seriously.—Straw Hat. I callo look at each other very scriously... Straw Hat. 1 catculate you'll have got through that case of the corporation judge, by this time, now?... Brown Hat. Yes,
sir... Straw Hat. How did the verdict go, sir?...
Brown Hat. For the defendant, sir... Straw Hat. (Interrogatively.) Yes, sir?... Brown Hat. (Affirmatively.) terrogatively.) Yes, sir?—Brown Hat. (Affirmatively.) Yes, sir.—Both. (Musingly, as each gazes down the street.) Yes, sir.—Another pause. They look at each other again, still more seriously than before.—Brown Hat. This coach is rather behind its time today, I guess.—Straw Hat. (Doubtingly.) Yes, sir.—Brown Hat. (Looking at his watch.) Yes, sir.; nigh upon two hours.—Straw Hat. (Raising his cyclorows is year, sort swaring.) Yes, iv. in very great surprise.) Yes, sir!—Brown Hat. (Decisively, as he puts up his watch.) Yes, sir.—All the other Inside Passengers (among themselves). Yes, other these reasengers (almong themselves). I es, sir... Conchman (in a very surly tone.) No it a'nt... Straw Hat (to the conchman). Well, I don't know, sir. We were a pretty tall time coming that last fifteen mile. That's a fact... The conchman, making no reply, and plainly declining to enter into any controversy on a subject so far removed from his sympathies and feelings, another passenger says 'Yes, sir; and the gentleman in the straw hat in acknow-ledgement of his courtesy, says 'Yes, sir,' to him in return. The straw hat then inquires of the brown hat, whether that coach in which he (the straw hat) then sits, is not a new one? To which the brown hat again makes answer, 'Yes, sir,'—Straw Hat. I thought so. Pretty loud smell of varnish, sir?—Brown Hat, Yes, sir,—All the other inside Passengers, Yes, sir,—Brown Hat (to the company in general). Yes, sir .- The conversational powers of the company having been by this time pretty heavily taxed, the straw hat opens the door and gets out; and all the rest alight also."

We are now on the way to Niagara; but shall not pause there. Vivid and overpowering as must be the impressions of that stupendous scene, and honest as Mr. Dickens doubtless is in reporting them, the result is more like "fine writing" than any other portion of the tour. It is now high time that we should hand the book over to the reader: there remains untouched, for his amusement, a run through Canada—a peep at the Shakers of Lebanon, not including their worship, which is no longer exhibited to curious travellers-a chapter on Slavery, powerfully written, and weighted with illustrations derived verbatim from the American newspapers; and general remarks on society and opinion, with an indignant protest against the personalities of the American press. The last, we opine, will be more offensive to our Transatlantic cousins, than any previous charge brought against their institutions or social habits, by traveller gentle or simple.

The Marvellous History of the good knight Saint Palisse-[ Chansons Populaires de la France : Livraison 25]. Paris, Delloye.

FRENCH critics claim for their countrymen the invention of that species of comic ballad, the humour of which consists in stating the tritest truisms with an air of dignity and importance. The legend of St. Palisse is their most celebrated production of the kind: it has been imitated in most of the languages of Europe. Goldsmith, in his Elegies on Madame Blaize and the Mad Dog, has literally translated several stanzas; Dandels, in spite of his Dutch heaviness, has published many pleasing variations of the theme; and, in France itself, "a tail" of additional stanzas has been appended to the original legend, until it has nearly swelled to the length of an epic poem. Ludicrous and apparently trifling as the composition is, it is not destitute either of literary or historical importance; but in order

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Come listen, Gentles, to the tale
Of famous Saint Palisse,
Which to delight you will not fail,
If it should chance to please.

Although his fortune was not great, Yet you may understand, He might have own'd a fair estate But that he had no land.

E'en from his youth polite, well-bred, Unlike a rustic brat, He stood with an uncover'd head Till he put on his hat.

More mild and gentle still he grew, In temper like his sire, Who ne'er into a passion flew Save when he was in ire.

He studied those logicians fine Who teach us how to think, And, to find out the taste of v Believ'd it right to drink.

Though fond of wine, we must confess, Brandy he drank incog; and when the water was the less, The stronger was the grog.

He married, as the legends sing, A very handsome wife, But only for the wedding ring Had led a single life.

She was a good and virtuous dame, Faithful to marriage vows,
And when her husband he became,
She found herself his spouse.

When she assum'd a merry micn, He Joyous look'd and glad, For sorrowful he ne'er was seen, Except when he was sad.

Their union lasted full eight years
And some odd months I ween,
And they had got eight pretty dears—
That's just half of sixteen.

He lov'd his wife, but, in a whim, He courted many more, And lovely ladies follow'd him Whene'er he walk'd before.

His charms, which acted like a spell, So very brilliant shone, He would have had no parallel If in this world alone.

No tongue his talents could rehearse. For you may well suppose,
Whene'er he deign'd to write in verse
He did not write in prose.

To all his genius made him dear,-

I'll wager any thing,
He would have been a titled peer,
If it had pleas'd the king.

When to enjoy his country seat From Paris he went down, It would have been a wond'rous feat To find him in the town.

He travell'd many a land and elime;— When he was in Vendome, You'd find it a sad waste of time To look for him in Rome

He sometimes rode, he sometimes sail'd, From care and sorrow free; quit the land he never fail'd

Whene'er he went to sea In tournaments, before the king, He made a gallant light; And those who saw him in the ring Were not deprived of sight.

Though famous in these gallant shows, And fit to win the crown, He never humbled any foes

But those whom he knock'd down. At length a sabre clove his head.

He tumbled on the ground,
And when 'twas known that he was dead,
His wound was mortal found.

The soldiers mourn'd his sudden death In such a fatal strife,
And he gave up with his last breath
The last remains of life.

On Friday the event arriv'd, Which we must all deplore, Had he till Saturday surviv'd, He had liv'd one day more,

To those who mourning heard his knell, These words of hope were given "If our good friend is not in hell, He's surely gone to heaven!"

The French, who seem as if they could never have too much of a good thing, have added more than twice as many stanzas to the modern editions of this legend. The ballad has nearly shared the fate of our old Cavalier satire, which was dragged down to oblivion by the weight of its tail. It is

equally difficult to find the author of the English satire and the French chanson; stanzas of different ages and dates are mingled in each. Thus, after the commemoration of Oliver Cromwell,-

A brower we know may bully and hector, And raise himself up to be state director, And the brewer at last may become Lord Protector, Which nobody can deny;

we find, as a continuation, a tale of scandal. which occurred at Kidderminster in the reign of Queen Anne, and afforded much amusement to the wits of that age.

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A puritan preacher to please himself may
In secret be jovial, and mersy, and gay,
And toy with fair dames in an innocent way,
Which nobody can deny.

Similar additions, involving equal anachronisms, have been made to the history of Saint Palisse. One may serve as a specimen. Immediately after the description of his prowess at the tournament, we find a miserable stanza on a modern duel:-

He fought a duel once, 'tis said,
Of which no man was prouder,
His pistols could not drive the lead,
For he forgot the powder.

It is not uninteresting to investigate the real history of a hero who has been destined to so large and unenviable a share of jingling immortality. Jacque de la Chabannes, Lord of Palice or Palisse, for the orthography is doubtful, was one of the great captains who accompanied Francis I. across the Alps, and gained distinction in the wars of Lombardy. Brantome informs us that he strenuously advised his sovereign to raise the siege of Pavia, and avoid the battle which terminated so fatally for the French. Saint Palisse continued to make resistance after the king had been taken prisoner; he rushed with a few gallant followers into the centre of a Spanish battalion, but, his horse being killed under him, he was forced to surrender to a captain named Castaldo. Another Spaniard, conjecturing from the rich armour and noble bearing of La Palisse, that he was a prisoner of rank, claimed the captive, in expectation of a large ransom. A fierce altercation ensued, but at length Castaldo exclaimed, "he shall belong neither to you nor to me," and levelling his pistol he shot the captive dead on the spot.

Several popular elegies were made on the battle of Pavia, which produced as mournful an effect in France as that of Flodden in Scotland; and in all of them we find lamentations for the death of La Palisse. In one of the oldest we

By wretched traitors was our land deceiv'd, Who of their prowess made a mighty boast, Their vows and oaths our gallant king believ'd, But they were foremost to desert the host.

But La Palisse and Latrinoille remain'd Undaunted heroes, never known to yield: To the last hour their honour they sustain'd; With wounds in front they press'd the bloody field.

Another popular eulogy, which yet was suggestive of the parody, declares-

The brave Palisse fought well In Pavia's cruel strife; The hour before he fell Was none more full of life.

M. Le Roux de Liney ascribes the origin of the parody to a different ballad, of which only one stanza has been preserved :-

Alas! alas! Palisse is slain, In Pavia's fatal field; But for his death, he might remain, His native land to shield.

The examples of a parody superseding and surviving the original poems are not rare. Our burden 'Derry down' is believed to have been a religious chorus of the Druids,- 'All my eye and Betty Martin,' to be taken from the Latin hymn, 'O Beate Martini,'—and the 'Groves of Blarney' passes as an original song, though really a parody on the ballad of Castle Hyde. A curious illustration of this may be found in Horace Walpole's letters. In an old col-

lection of epitaphs from country churchyards. there occurs the following specimen of rustic simplicity :-

Here lies Ned, Alas! alas! he's dead; Had it been his mother, His sister, or his brother,
'Twould be better than the other,
For it was by Ned
The family was fed.

Walpole gives a Jacobite epitaph on the death of Frederic, Prince of Wales (father of George III.), which was probably suggested by the rough lines of the rustic bard:

Here lies Fred, Here lies Fred,
Who was alive and is dead;
Had it been his father,
I'd have much rather;
Had it been his brother,
Much better than the other; Had it been his sister. But side it is end if it is it

The style adopted in the ballad is not peculiar to the French; the scholiast on Aristophanes, after giving several examples of the figure Oxymoron, that is, sharp meanings conveyed in apparent contradictions, such as "foolish wisdom, profitless advantage, visible darkness,"&c., notices a contrary system of phrases which lead readers to expect some sharp point or wise maxim; he quotes-

The warrior will preserve his shield, Who stays with it at home;

the loss of the shield having been considered the greatest military disgrace among the aucients, Ludovicus Vives, in his 'Treatise on the Abuse of Learning,' mentions an instance of a jest of this kind, not exactly fit to quote, being mistaken for earnest, and having in consequence received the honour of a serious refutation from a ponderous critic. The ballad of Saint Palisse has, however, enjoyed more extensive popularity than any other of a similar kind, and this is a sufficient reason for introducing it to the notice of our readers.

The Rioters, by Harriet Martineau. 2nd edit.

This is a republication of one of those numberless tales written by Miss Martineau, with the direct purpose of informing the working classes; and it has, no doubt, been re-issued at this moment, with reference to the late outbreak in the manufacturing districts. Though not one of the best of the series, it has the characteristics of all-earnestness, and an affectionate With this brief notice we should have dismissed the subject, but that a correspondence has lately crept out, from which we learn that a pension of 150% a-year was offered to Miss Martineau, first by Lord Grey's, and then by Lord Melbourne's government, and respectfully declined; and we cannot but think that, for the honour of all parties, the facts ought to be put on record in a literary paper. We cannot admit the conclusive force of Miss Martineau's reasoning, but have perfect faith in the simplicity and integrity of her character, and in the conscientious scruples which have influenced her judgment; and we heartily wish that some influential persons would forthwith open a subscription for the purchase of an annuity of equal amount, to which, as a voluntary testimony of respect, she, perhaps, would not, and certainly, on her own showing, ought

would not, and certainly, on her own showing, ought not to object.

Dear Madam.—Lord Melbourne having heard of your present illness, as well as the inconvenience to which your are subjected, by the mode in which your money is settled, has desired me, as a friend of yours, to inquire whether you would accept a pension of 130%, per annum on the civil list. It is out of his power to offer you more in the present state of things, but I hope you will not refuse him the opportunity of giving this proof of his respect for your writings and character, inndequate as the amount proposed may be. If you will accept the offer, have the goodness to write me word to that effect, and let me have the answer by return of post, as Lord Melbourne is desirous of completing the arrangement before he goes out of office.

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I cannot tell you how grieved I have been by recent accounts of your sufferings, and how rejoiced I shall be if the offer which I have the pleasure of communicating to you shall have the effect of contributing in any degree to your comfort.—Believe me, my dear Miss Martineau,

Yours, &c., CHARLES BULLER.

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Dear Mr. Buller,—I am far from wishing to trouble Lord Melbourne or you with my views on literary pensions; but he great consideration and kindness shown in Lord Melbourne's remembrance of mo at this untoward time require from me something more than the very abrupt reply I was compelled to send by Friday morning's post. I should like Lord Melbourne to understand that my decision is no hasty one; that it rests on no passing feeling or prejudice, but on a real opinion that I should be doing wrong in accepting a pension.

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The first mention of a provision of this kind was made to me in November 1832, when I was informed that I was to have a pension of the mount now specified on the conclusion of my work on the poor laws. I should, doubtless, then have taken it, if it had been actually offered. On reflection I changed my mind; and when I found that Lord Grey had still a wish that the thing should be done, I wrote to Lord Durham (then in Russia) to request that nothing more should be said about it, as I could not conscientiously accept a pension from this source.

I have since had occasion to make the same reply to two inquiries from different quarters, whether I would agree to such an arrangement for my benefit.

Lord Melbourne will not, I think, wonder at my feeling of repugnance to touch the proceeds (except as salary for jublic service) of a system of taxation so unjust as I have in print, so long and at large, declared it my opinion that ours is. It matters not how generously the gift may be intended; how considerately it may be bestowed; how specifically it is designed to benefit such a case as mine. These considerations affect, most agreeably, my personal feelings towards those who would aid me; but they cannot reconcile me to live upon money (not salary) levied afflictively upon those, among others, whom I have made it my business to befriend, however humbly—the working classes. Such services as I may have rendered to them are unconsciously received by them; but I cannot accept reward at any expense to them. If this provision be not designed as recom-

apon those, among others, whom I have made it my business to befriend, however humbly—the working classes. Such services as I may have rendered to them are unconsciously received by them; but I cannot accept reward at any expense to them. If this provision be not designed as recompense, but as aid, as a pure gift, I cannot take it; for they sho provide the means have no voice in the appropriation of it to me personally.

About the principles of taxation, a surprising agreement has grown up on our side of late. Whenever we obtain a just system of taxation, the time may perhaps follow when, among other mihor considerations, some plan may be discovered by which the people's representatives may exercise the power of encouraging and rewarding merit and services working through the press, and even then the most scrupulous, with no better view of their own claims than I have, may be happy to receive, in their time of need, aid from the public purse. Meanwhile I seriously and truly feel that I had rather, if need were (to put an extreme car, receive aid from the parish, and in the workhouse, which would clearly read my claim, than in the very agreeable manner proposed, where I can see no excuse for my own indulgence. If it be true, that in the case of gifts we do not nicely measure the grounds of claim, surely there is an exception in the one case of gifts from the public purse.

Some of my friends would persuade me, that my great losses, from the defective protection afforded to literary property in this country, entitle me to compensation, in whatever form I can obtain it. But I see the matter differently. Taking compensation from those who have not injured me, leaving inequitable profits in the hands of those who have hands in the services employed than in looking into the retreats of suffering, to discover for themselves what poverty and sickness it is most just to aid from the public purse; while I know that the members of a Government are (as they ought to be) otherwise employed than in looking into the retreats

the moss state of justice, I should be for ever mistrusting my own happy chance. On the one hand I should see public benefactors, before whem I am nothing, pining in privation, from which my pension would relieve them; and, on the other, I should be taunted by images of thousands of poor tax-payers, toiling men, who cannot, with all their toil, keep their children in health of body, to say nothing of their minds. "Mighty visions about a small matter," you may, perhaps, think; but small or great, the moment I had acted upon it, this matter would become no less than all-important to my peace of mind. Indeed, I would rather, in the present circumstances of the country, put my hand into the fire than into the public purse.

peace or mind. Indeed, I would rather, in the present circumstances of the country, put my hand into the fire than into the public purse.

Let me assure you, that I do not need this pension, as my friends suppose. They know my means well enough, but they overrate my wants. This very sum, which you speak of apologetically, would quite meet my wants, as I live here. Have no permanent uneasiness about income. If I should ever be well enough to work again (from which I am now at last driven), I trust I shall find, as hitherto, that my head and my hands will keep my life. If my enforced idteness bould continue very long, I hope to keep my expenditure within my actual means.

I beg to assure Lord Melbourne, that my feelings of respectful gratitude to him are exactly the same as if I could have accepted the proposed gift. My refusal arises from causes which are out of my own control. Of the comfort I should have derived from this annual income, no one can be so sensible as myself. I consider myself his debtor for what is should have been.

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My friends are too anxious about my "state of suffering."
There is little enough of good prospect about the case; but
by excellent medical management, the suffering is reduced to
something very inconsiderable. The repose of such retreat is
delightful.—Believe me, very truly yours, H. MARTINEAU.

#### OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Richard Savage, a Romance of Real Life, by Charles Whitehead, 3 vols. — Unpleasing subjects are not less destructive of a writer's chances of popularity, than that mode of treatment which concerns itself than that mode of treatment which concerns itself only with the mean or repulsive aspects of humanity. The clever author of 'Richard Savage' would do well to lay our remark to heart. There was force and talent enough in his 'Jack Ketch' to set up half-a-dozen novelists; but the story was one of naked want, crime, and cheatery; and where is it now? Thus, again, 'Richard Savage' contains concertions of character and pages of dispense beyond ceptions of character and pages of dialogue beyond the reach of the common-place observer of human nature, or the common-place reporter of conversa-tion; and yet the work is so disagreeable, that few will have patience enough to read it, still fewer to give it credit for the talent which it contains, rather than exhibits. It is true that Mr. Whitehead professedly ranges himself on Dr. Johnson's side, and in making the erratic genius his hero, ostensibly claims the reader's sympathy for the sufferings of a proud and fiery spirit, abandoned to strong temptations and hard trials; and yet these imaginary confessions of 'Richard Savage' exhibit so much of what is bitter, morbid, and ungenerous, that the book must be closed with a sigh by the most charitable; and with a frown, by those unfashionable persons who hold that while the sorrows of Genius have been emphatically dwelt on, its responsibilities have been too hastily slurred over. According to his own showing in this novel, poor Savage possessed no one virtue save animal courage, unless we are to count as such that indomitable pride, which is ever on the watch to assert its own pretensions, and to suspect insult where it has submitted to obligation. In point of morality, such a picture would be dangerous, were it seductive; but the author confines himself to the evoking of dark thoughts and painful contemplations, and the reader soon becomes weary of these. Let us hope to meet with a subject of healthier interest, and with more cheerful views of life, in Mr. Whitehead's future tales. He will find any effort made to discover the former, and work out the latter, well repaid by an increase of public sympathy.

Work and Wages, a Tale, by Mary Howitt.—In this story of "life in service" Mary Howitt is herself again; with womanly gentleness and close experience of life, enlisting our kind feelings in behalf of those to whom we owe so much of our home comfort, and from whom\_strange paradox!\_we are kept more distant than from almost any other class of our fellow creatures. Let no one turn from this tale because its scene is the kitchen, the garret, the area; or accuse the authoress of a love for low life, because, in writing of servitude, she makes full use of all its accompaniments, by way of giving reality to her picture. Did the story contain nothing besides the picture of the Methodist preacher's family, it would deserve high respect from those who love artistic truth and finish, as well as pure and generous morality.

Odes and Sonnets, with other Poems, by the Rev. C. Lesingham Smith, M.A., &c.—The author of this neat little volume avows, with great candour, in his preface, that, while he is well disposed to adopt the views of that portion of his critics who shall discover the merits of his muse, it is his intention to treat with considerable disrespect that anticipated division of the same body who may stumble upon his faults. Warned by this announcement, we have been anxious to find some form in which the little we have to say of his poetical labours might take the character of praise, and have been gratified to discover, in his text, the means of reconciling, as we think, the discharge of our critical conscience with the not (we hope) unbecoming desire to stand on the sunny side of the author's opinion. It should, we believe, be satisfactory to a moderate ambition, such as this writer states his to be, to know that his verse has awakened any of those emotions attributed to the poetry of Lord Byron-an acknowledged master of the sympathies. Now, in a sonnet bestowed upon the noble bard by his rival before us, the latter affirms, that Byron so managed his lyre as to make men desire

To hear no more the music of its strings;— and we can conscientiously declare, that we have been similarly impressed by the verse of the Rev. Mr. Smith—in a degree, too, far beyond what we remember ever to have felt in perusing the works of the

noble poet. This feeling we will do Mr. Smith the justice to endeavour to extend to our readers; and the following poem, though a very short one, will, we think, be sufficiently long for the purpose.—

Written in a Book of Travels, presented to Viscountess Maynard. I roam'd o'er flood and fell, Through city and plain,
And in this little book I tell
The tale again:
Take it from him who trusts to be thy friend,
Not for life only, but when life shall end.

The above exhibits the Rev. Mr. Smith in his higher mood:-perhaps the reader may wish to compare his playful vein against that of the author of Beppo .-

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To a Rosat Pip.

Oh, pig! or rather, little pork, once pig,
Sunoking so daintily upon the table,
Making each gazer long that he were able
To eat thee, every limb, both small and big;
No more in squeaking light, or grunting jig;
Thou runn'st about the straw-yard, sty or stable;
Nor bump'st thy little side against the gable;
Nor occk'st thy snout, a judge without a wig!
All other vlands which lever saw,
Serv'd up in silver, crock'ry-ware, or tin,
Whether boil'd, roasted, bak'd, stew'd, fried, or raw,
Compar'd with thee, are worthless as a pin!
Sweet delicate meat! crackling without a flaw!
What, ho! a knife and fork! I must begin.

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Dora Melder, a Tale of Alsace, by Meta Sander, edited by the Rev. C. B. Tayler.—The carnestness of purpose which gave the stories of our Richardsons and Burneys half their charm, and which has all but disappeared from our fictitious literature, still animates the novels of Germany, and gives a life and a fascination to this brief story. Mr. Tayler recommends it for its orthodoxy,—we, for the reality of its pictures. The portraiture of the Melder household speaks for itself; we are sure that the resemblance is as accurate as if Gerard Douw or Mieris had painted it. The close of the autobiography, too, is to our taste. We have been too largely dosed with preternatural good luck or appalling misery on such occasions, not to be thankful when the fictitious passage of life is permitted to conclude—as do most real passages of life—neither exactly as we hoped

nor precisely as we feared. We have before us three tracts by one anonymous author, namely, Six Lectures on Arithmetic; An Ex-position of the Nature, Sec. of Gravitation; (!) and A New Analogy for the Distances of the Planets from the Sun.—The author is essentially a Newmanite: he says he has published a new introduction to Mathematics, a new treatise on Mechanics, &c. The Six Lectures on Arithmetic are sensible in everything but the history. Pythogoras did not invent, as far as is known, the figures we now use. As to the ex-planation of gravitation, we must beg our mathematical readers to keep their countenances while we explain to them, that "the vis or affection of gravi-tation proceeds from the sun's whole hemisphere to the planets, as a cone diminishing towards the planets, and terminating in points or vertices a little beyond them." These theories, however, we are told, "ought not to be admitted without due investigation lest they should prove to be a check, instead of a furtherance to science." To this last we cordially agree, and we add, that neither ought they to be published without due investigation, supported by a little old mathematics. In the New Analogy, &c., the author shows us that he is not mathematician enough for these subjects. He has actually discovered, that the velocities of the planets are inversely as the cube roots of their times, and inversely as the square roots of their mean distances. These things are not often put down in books, because they are of no use; but a young Cambridge man, at the end of his second year, would not be well augured of, as to his prospect of a decent degree, if he did not discover and demonstrate both in three minutes, when asked,

Pounds, Shillings, and Pence, by T. Martin.—A system of abbreviated rules for arithmetical operations. Some of them are good, and not much known many are not better than those in common use, The worst of large numbers of abbreviations is, that they are speedily forgotten, unless always in use; and also that to learn a book full for the sake of a few will never pay. Every trade, from the banker to the butcher, has its own short modes of proceeding: if any one could collect these under heads, he would do good service; but they must be under

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#### SONNET

On Mr. Haydon's Portrait of Mr. Wordsworth. BY ELIZABETH B. BARRETT.

Wordsworth upon Helvellyn !- Let the cloud Ebb audibly along the mountain-wind, Then break against the rock, and show behind The lowland vallies floating up to crowd The sense with beauty. He with forchead bowed And humble-lidded eyes, as one inclined Before the sovran thoughts of his own mind, And very meek with inspirations proud,-Takes here his rightful place as poet-priest, By the high altar, singing prayer and To the yet higher heavins. A vision free And noble, Haydon, hath thine art releast— No portrait this with Academic air! This is the poet and his poetry.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Larnaca, Cyprus, 25th July, 1842. WE have certainly had the start of you in the summer season, and now we are. I hope, at the highest temperature, the thermometer being 88° and 90° in the shade. I returned yesterday from a fortnight's journey to the north of the Island, having reached as far as the farthest point, Cape St. Andrea. One Englishman accompanied me, the only countryman I have here, and the party amounted to six—ourselves, my dragoman, and three servants, three horses and three mules, all except our own well loaded, as in such excursions we have to take everything, including beds and cassaroles. We left Larnaca in the evening, and proceeded to a distance of about eight miles, and slept at the house of the brother-in-law of Vondiziano: we took our guns with us, and found game in abundance-some places literally swarming with birds; and as the peasants do not shoot flying, the game increases very considerably. The second day we reached Varoscia, the village outside of Famagousta, where we slept at a Greek priest's, who, like all the people I have met with, was very hospitable; but his house was very dirty. When he was asked why he did not put it in order, he said that if he were to do so, he would be overrun by the Turks and Greeks, who think nothing of quartering themselves upon any one, with all their retinue and animals, for any length of time they please, the people not daring even to remonstrate. We went over Famagousta, which is a heap of ruins, but the walls of the town remain, and one or two of the gates ;those into the town were originally only two, one being the entrance from the harbour, and the other from the land side. Two hours from Famagousta we made our third halt, at the house of our English agent, where we remained 24 days. From his residence we visited the ruins of Salamis, which are a complete heap of stones, scarcely one lying on the other. It was situated to the north of Famagousta about a mile, and must have been a very considerable The water was brought from the hills, sixteen miles distant; and some of the arches of the aqua-duct still remain. The monastery of St. Barnabas is half a mile distant from the agent's village. Here the Gospel of St. Luke, as is said, was discovered.

Near the monastery is a well of aqua mirabilis, where the peasants come and bathe, and which water has the power of curing all cutaneous affections. The peasants leave their clothes behind them as an offering, and you may imagine the quantity of old rags that lie in the vault, quite enough to produce a plague, if the place were inhabited. From the agent's we started at 3 A.M., a beautifully fresh morning, and at 3 P.M. arrived in St. Teodoro, at the country house of a gentleman whom I had known at Larnaca; my horse, having been at work the whole time since our setting out in the morning, came to his journey's end as fresh as if he had just left the stable. I made the others all bivouac under a tree. We remained at St. Teodoro three days. We then passed through a much finer and more wooded country, with villages and cleared tracts interspersed, to the mountains of Carpasso; at length arriving in a village on the top of some high-land, at the house of an Ionian, whose daughter (very ugly) was in the garden. When we presented ourselves, my dragoman first spoke to her, and he being dressed like a Turk, with a white turban, could only obtain as an answer, " I am sick, and cannot attend to you." But as soon as she heard who I was, the case was altered, and all\_father, mother, daughters, sons, sons-in-law, and grand-children—tried how they could make themselves most useful. The father is well to do for a peasant in Turkey; and my visit to his house had the effect of relieving him from some exactions, to which he had been subjected. The name of this place is Riso Carpasso, about fifteen miles from the Cape St. Andrea, and is situated on the north side of the tongue of land opposite to Caramania, the mountains of which are plainly discernible from thence. While here, we made some excursions, one to the Cape through almost an entire forest, very mountainous, with a tract of fertile arable land, between two ridges of hills, at a distance of ten or twelve miles from the village, which is the last in the island. The people go there to sow their corn, &c., and again in the autumn, to reap and tread out the grain, taking all their family and effects with them. They preserve their corn in wells or holes dug in the ground, in which they burn a fire for three or four days, thus perfectly drying the earth; and in this manner the grain may be kept for several years, the well being merely covered with a flat stone, and cemented over with mud. I inquired if they were not in danger of being robbed, but they said, No, it never happened, as they were all known to one another. Near to the extreme point is an uninhabited monastery, baving under the church a spring of beautiful running water, the greatest luxury a traveller can meet In this forest are numbers of wild oxen, descendants of some which had been brought to the church as offerings, and then let loose asses, pigs, and an immense quantity of game, but difficult to get at, in consequence of the thickness of the trees. On our return home we took a somewhat different road, passing in our way an immense number of churches in ruins, and very many villages or towns. At one place, in a plain, I noticed some eagles, and rode up to see what they were about, when I perceived the carcase of a camel that had lately died, and around it were seventy vultures and eagles. counted them, and can therefore speak positively as to their number.

After we left Famagousta, we got no fruit nor vegetables whatever, except what we took with us. seemed to me most remarkable, that in not one of the villages did the people appear to have any notion of making a vegetable or fruit garden, except near to Larnaca and Nicosia. Still here we have melons and pasticchi or water-melons, eight parias the oke, about one halfpenny for three pounds, rather cheaper than you get them in London. One crop of figs is past, and another is expected in a few days with the grapes. It has astonished many of the people here how I could undertake a journey during the hottest season of the year. I am quite certain that I suffered less from the heat than they would have done; and am, on the whole, the better for it, although my hands are like crusts of bread, and my chest somewhat tender, the front of my shirt being too thin to keep out a Cypriote sun. I did not adopt the plan pursued by the peasants, of sleeping on the housetop, but always preferred a corridor to a room : the servants, &c. slept where they could, mostly on the

ground on their mats, and one night we were disturbed by one of them being frightened in his sleep. His fright was occasioned by a litter of pigs running over him. Another night all the dogs of the village came foraging about our bags and baskets\_however, we enjoyed the whole affair very much.

#### OUR WEEKLY COSSID

WE regret to learn, from the journals, the death of Licut. J. R. Wellsted, I.N., at the early age of thirtyseven. Attached to the Surveying Expedition in the Red Sea, he volunteered to explore the Island of Socotra, a laborious undertaking, which he executed in a very satisfactory manner. He subsequently made a tour in the interior of Oman, passing over the ground whereon our Anglo-Indian troops were defeated in 1808. His account of this part of Arabia is highly interesting, and confirms that of Ibn Batutah, who, as far as regards the topography, is more complete, The excessive heat of the climate in this journey, and the excitement arising from novelty of position, afflicted the young traveller with fever and with delirium, from the effects of which he never thoroughly recovered. Hence the eccentricity of Lieut, Wellsted. the origin of which was not generally understood, Previous to his travels in Arabia and the Red Sea, he had discharged the duties of secretary to Sir C. Malcolm, Governor of Bombay, in an able and effective manner.

Among the signs of improvement, which must tell favourably on the progress of Art in England, not the least gratifying is the appointment of Professors of Architecture in our Colleges. The council of University College, London, have done well in electing Mr. Donaldson to this lectureship; and the reasonableness of the measure was proved on Monday week, when his introductory discourse attracted a full audience.

A public dinner has been given at Edinburgh to David Roberts, R.A. to welcome him on his return from Syria. About ninety gentlemen were present; amongst whom were Lord Cockburn (in the chair), Sir William Allan, Sir Henry Bishop, the Lord Provost, Sir John Robison, and Professor Wilson.

The Manchester Guardian mentions that application was lately made to Sir Robert Peel in favour of n local poet of some celebrity, Mr. Prince, author of 'Hours with the Muses,' in the hope of obtaining for him employment as a librarian, or in some similar capacity; to which Sir Robert kindly replied

Whitehall, October 15. Sir,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and of the volume which accompanied it. It does not occur to me that I have the means of procuring for Mr. Prince any situation of the description to which you refer. I transmit to you, from a fund which I am at liberty to apply to such a purpose, the sum of fifty pounds, and request you to apply it in such a manner as may be most for the interest of Mr. Prince. I am, Sir, &c., Robert PELL.

The statue to the memory of Sir Pulteney Malcolm, by Baily, was last week put up in St. Paul's Cathedral, near the monument to Earl St. Vincent. And we learn, from the Aberdeen Journal, that Mr. Campbell, the sculptor, has arrived in that city, to give the finishing touches to the statue of the late Duke of Gordon. According to the account in that paper, the statue is of Aberdeen granite, ten feet in height, and will be placed on a pedestal of equal elevation. His Grace is represented in military costume. leaning on his sword, and with one foot resting on a piece of ordnance. Around his shoulders is thrown a cloak, the folds of which are managed in the most graceful and effective style. The likeness of the Duke has been preserved with fidelity, and every, the minutest detail, is given with extraordinary freedom and truth. It is but justice to add, that the workmen in the employment of Messrs. M'Donald and Leslie, who were intrusted with the transference of the model to the more stubborn material, have performed their part in a most satisfactory manner. This, we believe, is the first statue that has been executed in granite in modern times. The experiment was, of course, rather hazardous, but it has been attended with complete success. The site for the statue has not yet been finally determined; but wherever it may be placed it will form an enduring and distinguished ornament of the city-a monument worthy of the noble duke to whose memory it is dedicated-and a singular instance of the triumph of genius and art over diffi-

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The restorations of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, or the Round Church, Cambridge, by the Camden Society, have proved to be more extensive than was originally supposed to be necessary, and more sub-scriptions are required. The committee request the attention of the lovers of church architecture to the present state of this curious and interesting restoration. The works have been stopped more than once during the summer for want of funds, fresh discoveries of the imperfect and unsafe character of the old and lately it has been found that the roof could not be put on with safety without rebuilding the east end and the north aisle, which had not formed part of the original undertaking of the committee. To this necessity, in the state to which the works had then advanced, the interior being exposed to the weather, and the graves in the chancel being then actually fullof water, the committee had no choice but to give way. They therefore, at whatever risk, directed the works to proceed: resolving, at the same time, to works to proceed: resorving, at the same time, to rebuild the new additions uniformly with the rest, in appropriate ecclesiastical character. The church will thus have a new north, as well as a new south, asie; and will, in fact, be a new church. It will also now be considerably enlarged. It will not, therefore, create surprise, if a sum of probably 1400l. be yet wanting before the church is completed in the way the committee contemplated, confiding in the public support of an undertaking of so much national interest.
They have now no funds. The parish has done its
best. They respectfully appeal to the church and
the public. Not less for the sake of the church itself, but for the encouragement of this useful Society, it is to be hoped that their appeal will be responded to liberally

liberally.

Ruhl, the German sculptor, preceptor of Rauch, of Berlin, died early in the month, at Cassel, in the seventy-seventh year of his age;—and we learn, from the same authority, that Zmerner, the architect employed on the cathedral of Cologne, may shortly be expected in England, on a professional tour, to see and examine our most celebrated cathedrals.

The Paris papers announce the death, after a few days of brain fever, of M. Alexandre de Laborde, Member of the Academy of Inscriptions and Belles Lettres, and of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences; through life a patron of literature and the arts, which he illustrated by several splendid works of his own, and the steady advocate of freedom of thought and intellectual progress in every country, and in all their lawful and useful forms. The Count Alexandre de Laborde was, besides, one of the King's aides-de-camp, and had other titles, which, with us, as literary heralds, are subordinate to those which we have quoted above. His splendid work, the 'Voyage Pittoresque et Historique en Espagne,' is well known; and his visit to the ancient city of Petra, whence Mr. Roberts has brought away such magnificent memorials, is familiar to the English public, through Mr. Murray's translation of his work on the subject. The same journals also mention the death of a distinguished book collector, M. Martineau de Soleinne; leaving behind him a valuable library, said to include, beyond dispute, the richest and most perfect collection of dramatic works ever got together. They speak, too, of arrangements in active progress at the Palais des Beaux Arts, under the direction of M. Duban, the architect of the establishment for the classification of the numerous works of sculpture and architecture which have been collected in the last half century, to form the museum of that school.

An engraving, on steel, of the Artesian Well of Grenelle, has appeared in the print-shops of Paris, which gives a representation of that elaborate work, on a scale of one thousandth. To convey a notion of its depth, the artist has raised at its base, from the least of the enther representation. from the level of the subterranean water reached by the bore, the loftiest monuments of that metropolis and of Europe generally.—Notre-Dame and the Invalides, the Cathedral of Strasburg and St. Peter's at Rome. All the geological strata are represented in their natural colours and measures, giving a scientific as well as artistic value to the print. Apropos of Art, we may add, that the Grand Duke of Weimar has conferred on Liszt the decoration of the Order of the White Falcon.

The Minister of Public Works at Paris has a project of law ready to submit to the Chambers, having for its object the removal of the Royal Library from the Rue Richelieu to the Place Dauphine. Mention is made, too, of a novel method adopted in the Salpétrière of that capital, for affording amusement to the insane portion of its immates, which has been attended with the most satisfactory results. The device in question is that of engaging the mentally afflicted in dramatic performances, and it has been entered into by the patients of the establishment with great spirit, and yielded them much cheerful excitement. A little while ago a representation of Le Tartuffe took place, all the characters being supported by the residents of the hospital. "The play," says a correspondent of the Times, " was really got up in an admirable style, and was acted in a manner quite surprising when the state of mind of the various performers is considered. Indeed, had not the spectators been aware of the affliction under which the actors laboured, they would have thought that they

were witnessing a representation of practised ama-teurs, and as such it would have been highly credit-

The Imperial Academy of Sciences of St. Petersburgh has published, at its cost, a Thibetan Dictionary, with Latin and German translations, the work of Dr. Schmidt, one of its members, who has resided for many years in Thibet. This Dicnas resided for many years in Thibet. This Dictionary contains about 22,000 Thibetan words, and is said to be the only one existing of that language, with translations into the European tongues. The same Academy has purchased the numerous and rich herbals, formed by the late M. Chamisso, a Frenchman, during the voyage of circumnavigation, performed from 1814 to 1818, under the command of Captain Kotzebue, at the cost of the celebrated Chancellor de Romanzow. These herbals the Academy purposes to publish, with the MS, notes and explanations of M. Chamisso; in which that writer has introduced, it is said, many striking remarks on all he saw during the voyage, -The Russian government has opened a school in the capital for the gratuitous instruction of artists, and of the working classes, in the process of the

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MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

Tues. Horticultural Society, 2, P.M.
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proportion as we recognize with satisfaction, the popular class of entertainments to which these cheap and liberally arranged concerts belong, do we regret to see their utility neutralized by defects of management. On the present occasion, little more regard to taste or feeling in selection was shown, than was formerly exhibited in making out the bill of one of the Lent Oratorios. A symphony by Becthoven, was closely succeeded by Mr. Calleott's 'Last Man;' the storm scene from 'Oberon' by the agitations of Jephtha, awakening to the tremendous consequences of his rash vow; Purcell and Pacini were sandwiched together, with a like notable contempt of the fitness together, with a like notable contempt of the fitness of things, but worst of all, after the Hailstone-chorus from 'Israel,'—which, by the way, was very finely sung—came Mr. John Parry's whimsical mock Italian trio! Now, we believe, that even as a speculation, such a musical old will fail to satisfy the making the hactory company to the school of the satisfy the public. Far better seems to us the scheme of performances announced at the St. James's Theatre, where an entire classical work is to form a feature of each an entire classical work is to form a feature of each concert. To have done with cavilling, however,—the orchestra was in fair order, as was proved by its accompaniment of Madame Dulcken in Mendelssohn's First Concerto. The greatest novelty of the evening was the reappearance, in a London orchestra, of Mrs. Shaw, whose grand aria by Pacini, enabled her to display powers of execution only imperfectly developed when she left England. The room was full, and the appliance or the property of th and the audience enthusiastic.

DRURY LANE. Shakspeare's 'King John,' itself a pageant of poetry, has furnished a subject for the scenc-painter, stage-dresser, and property-man to exercise their skill upon, under the guidance of Mr. Macready, who, in restoring the text of Shakspeare to the stage, illuminates the border with characteristo the stage, illuminates the border with characteristic pictures: we only wish he could go further in the
work of reform, and provide mouthpieces to speak the
dialogue, if not with a better understanding of the
character assumed, at least with a little regard for
the ears of the audience, which are assailed in a most
unmerciful manner by some of the performers. One
would think these ranters wished to show, by the violease of their exertions how for the performers. lence of their exertions, how far the part was beyond their powers; certainly, their efforts to reach the lofty height would be more successful were they to moderate their tone; for distinct utterance goes farther than loudness, and has also the advantage of being both intelligible and impressive, which is not the case with screaming. Of this representation, that which is addressed to the eye is by far the best part; there is abundance of colour, without gaudiness and glitter; everything has its meaning, and for most of it there is authority, though it is implying a high degree of correctness in the main to hint that some points are not strictly accurate. The best praise of this superb spectacle is, that it assists materially in carrying on the business of the play, and impressing the spirit of the several scenes on the audience. The the spirit of the several scenes on the audience. The rude and primitive splendour of the court of King John is shown in the first act; the "pride, pomp, and circumstance of glorious war" is displayed (theatrically) in the second; and in the third the church contributes her quota to swell the pageant. The scenery is not a mere succession of bright prospects and sumptuous interiors; it has a pictorial character in accordance with the action; the sunny landscape with its chairing since fore Agricus the lowing approximate the sunny landscape. with its shining river before Angiers, the louring at-mosphere of the battle fields, the moonlit towers of Swinstead Abbey, and the twilight gloom of the deathscene of the king, exercise their due influence. Mr. Macready's King John is one of his best Shakspearian personations: his bye-play in the scene where he prevails on Hubert to undertake the death of Arthur, prevails on Hubert to undertake the death of the same is appairs so expressive, that his murderous purpose is apparatus to the same has opens his mouth. Mr. rent in his look before he opens his mouth. Mr. Phelps as Hubert, though he has not the forbidding aspect that causes him to be suspected, represents the unscrupulously faithful follower, and the rough, resolute, yet kindly man; the scene between him and Arthur is not the less pathetic for the domestic character which Miss Newcome, who plays the little Prince very intelligently, gives to the agony of fear. Library, 12, Regent Street; Retta's Missic Warehouse, Threadaicedle Frince very interligently, gives to the agony of rear, Street; at the principal Music Shops, and at the Box Office of the Theatre, from 11 till 3. The death of Arthur is absurdly overdone: not content with his leaping from a high tower, he is made to roll over and over down the steps as if they were a sloping bank of turf, rather difficult as an involuntary achievement, especially after such a fall, Mr.

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Anderson makes Faulconbridge a swash-buckler hero, and Miss H. Faucit lets down the dignity of Queen Constance to the level of a scold, the numerous other characters are better filled.

#### MISCELLANEA

The annual report of the Dublin University Librarian was presented to the board on the 18th inst. It appears that 1,966 volumes of printed books and 43 volumes of manuscripts have been added to the library during the last year. The total number of volumes of printed books now in the library, including the Fagel Library, and the Quin collection, is 92,643, besides 1,462 volumes of MSS.

Watches.—According to a paragraph in the Standard, some one, whose name is not mentioned, has lately constructed a variety of machines by which an incredible number of watches, of every variety of size, may be made in a day. By one of the machines, 300 perfect plates can be produced in a day, by another the same quantity of barrels; by five machines the requisite number of centre, third, and fourth wheels (crossed, polished, and cut), with balances for 300 movements. By another 200 pinions can be cut and rounded; by another the holes are drilled, the tapping, the screw-holes, the various parts in the plate are sunk, planting the depths and escapement, &c., and all with such exactness as cannot be excelled; another for the making and polishing of pivots, &c. Four other machines will be sufficient for making pivots for 50 movements a-day; and to add to these, there are 20 other machines for every description of work connected with the watch-making, and which, altogether, constitute a set. The inventor has submitted these machines to the scrutinizing inspection of the most experienced makers of chronometers and watches in London, and not one has expressed a doubt of the work so produced being incomparably superior to that done in the usual way. [What may be the truth respecting this wonderful watch-making discovery, we know not, but this account of it reads very like the puff indirect.]

Pearls.—Letters from Norway mention that there have been found in the bed of the great stream that runs through Jedderen, in the diocese of Christian-sand, and which from the excessive heats became dry, a great number of bivalve shells containing pearls, some of which were so large and fine, that they were valued at 60% a piece. At the beginning of the 17th century, when Norway was annexed to Denmark, the government took the pearl fishery of this stream into its own hands, and the finest pearls were sent to Copenhagen to be deposited in the crown treasury. After this, the produce of the fishery became so low, that it did not pay the expenses, and it was abandoned. It will now probably be resumed.

The Mentz Bible.—A Belgian journal mentions that a person lately purchased at St. Trond, among a heap of old books, a sixth known copy of this bible; and that for one purchased by Louis the Eighteenth, he gave 20,000 francs, or about 8001.

Death of Grace Darling.—This heroic woman expired at Bamburgh on the 20th inst., in her 25th year. She had been in a delicate state of health for a considerable time past, and her medical attendant recommended her removal from the sea. She, in consequence, went to reside with a friend at Wooler, and afterwards removed to Alnwick, accompanied by her sister, where lodgings were engaged for them by the Duchess of Northumberland, by whom the greatest attention was paid to the amiable girl. Her complaint having assumed the form of decided consumption, and all hope of her recovery being abandoned, her father anxiously desired that she should return amongst her family, and she was accordingly removed from Alnwick to Bamburgh only about ten days ago .- Newcastle Journal.

Roman Antiquities .- The Progressif Cauchois announces that the Abbé Cochet has just had some excavations made in the Loges Wood, near Château Gaillard, a place celebrated in the ancient legends and traditions of the country, and has discovered a Roman dwelling, apparently belonging to a family in the middle ranks of life. This circumstance adds to the value of the discovery, as hitherto only villas of the wealthy have been known to the learned. This habitation is composed of four compartments, three of which are sitting-rooms. The first\_the hypocaust,

or stove-room-is in an excellent state of preservation, and shows clearly the manner of heating em-ployed by the Romans in their northern provinces. About a score of brick pillars are still standing, generally about four-fifths of a yard in height. On these pillars the flooring was placed, composed of flat freestone flags, and a considerable portion of it still remains. The walls, which are formed of roughly cut stones, are in some places nine feet high. They are covered over with a thick layer of cement, perforated in a number of places, to allow the hot air to pass into the room, from channels which ran round in various directions from the stove. The ceiling is ornamented with fruits and flowers roughly painted on rough mortar. The second room is also flagged on rough mortar. The second rough a pipe to let off with freestone, and has in one corner a pipe to let off the water. This pipe was found stopped with a large cork when the discovery was made. The third room cork when the discovery was made. The third room was unpaved, and in it M. Cochet found fifteen bronze medals of the time of Trajan, Faustinus, and Antoninus ... The Mémorial des Pyrenees also gives an account of some excavations lately made at Bielle. A fine piece of mosaic having been discovered by a peasant when digging his land, further researches were made, and an entire house was laid bare, the walls still standing to the height of three feet. residence also consists of four chambers, but with the addition of a circular piece, which was at first thought to be a bath room, from the fact of two large pipes for water being made to communicate with it. removing the floor, however, a tomb of white polished marble was discovered below, containing a skeleton in good preservation. The floors of the chambers were paved with handsome mosaics. Some pieces of pottery, burnt earth, and two columns about nine feet high. one of white and the other of coloured marble, have been found, as well as a finely sculptured capital. -Excavations and discoveries have also been lately made near Tulle, on the road to Limoges, among which may be mentioned a stone mill for grinding corn, a small figure in copper of an armed warrior, and some medals, one of which represents a chained crocodile; and a gold medal has been found at Bruneval, in the Seine Inférieure, of the size of an English half-crown and the weight of a sovereign. which refers to an interesting epoch in English history, having been struck to commemorate the descent of Edward of York into Great Britain, at the time of the civil wars between the houses of York and Lan-

Scandinavian Antiquities .- A letter from Copenhagen states that a peasant of Boeslund, in the island of Zealand, whilst ploughing, discovered two gold urns filled with ashes, chased with foliage and fruits, and bearing on the top of the cover a figure of Odin, the Jupiter of the Scandinavians. This figure is represented standing, bearing on one shoulder the two crows Hunin (Thought) and Munin (Memory), and, at its feet, two wolves, symbols of his power. The urns are exactly alike, in good preservation, and admirably wrought. The gold is exceedingly thin except at the edges; they are about six inches in diameter, and nine inches in height, including the cover, but not the figure, and their weight is a little more than 2 lb. They have been deposited in the Museum of Copenhagen. They are supposed to belong to the fifth century.

Druidical Monument .- Some workmen on the Paris and Rouen railway have discovered, not far from the forest of St. Germain, a cave constructed of hard stones, and containing some oak coffins in tolerable preservation. The branch of a tree was rudely sketched on these coffins, and a stone placed apart resembled in form those troughs in which human sacrifices were formerly perpetrated. It is supposed that this cave and its contents are of the time of the Druids .- Memorial de Rouen.

An Epigram, written on the principle of the celebrated "Doctor Fell," wherein the recurrence of the first rhyme in the last line adds to the satire and humour of the joke :-

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Since he who's ever,\*—never is in haste.

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